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DEATH OF MR. THOMAS WILSON.

(SEE ACCOMPANYING PORTRAIT.)

There are very few sporting men, at home or abroad, who have not heard of, or been at, the well-known "Spotted Dog," in the Strand, which is situated immediately opposite to the office of our contemporary, *Bell's Life in London*; and sure are we that very many will regret to learn of the death of the worthy proprietor of that hostelry, where members of all sports and pastimes have congregated at "head quarters" for nearly twenty years. The much respected Tom Wilson quitted his mortal coil on Friday the 23rd of February, at twenty-five minutes past four o'clock in the afternoon, in the fifty-third year of his age, having been born on the 17th of January, 1814. "It can, we think, be truly said, that 'Old Tom Wilson,' as he was familiarly called, has died years, his memory will be held in all respect.

Mr. Wilson was a native of Brigstock, in Northamptonshire, and at Farmingwood (now the seat of Lord Lynden) he first entered the service of the Ladies Fitzpatrick, when, coming to London, he was engaged by the eminent millionaire, Mr. Hollorpe, of Hollorpe-house, Regent's Park, and such was the excellent character of the then "Young Tom" that he entered the service of the late Duke of Cambridge, with whom he continued for more than ten years, holding a situation of a more confidential character than is usual in the establishments of princes. By the Duke, Mr. Wilson was regarded in the light of a faithful domestic; and he acted as a valued and trustworthy servant to Baron Knesbeck, aide-de-camp to the Duke. Mr. Wilson had travelled in Germany, and with an aptitude rarely to be found in persons of his class, was conversant with several continental languages. On the death of Baron Knesbeck, the Duchess of Cambridge herself presented Mr. Wilson with several valuable mementoes of the departed Baron.

Having retired from service he entered upon the occupation of the "Spotted Dog," and being now, amongst sports and sportsmen, he brought the same energy to bear in improving many of the national pastimes, more especially pedercism, and in conjunction with Mr. Garratt, promoted those exciting champion contests, for belts, cups, and for handicaps, which of late years have acquired so much popularity. Many of the athletes, when in need, have found in him a friend, and many a forfeit has been saved by an appeal to Mr. Wilson; nor can it be said that, when in his early career an emergency arose, the ever ready hand of "Old Tom" was opened; to his honour, again, be it spoken, when the gallant Jem Mace reached the highest position, he never forgot the obligation, but always made the "Spotted" his "house of call," and was in the house a few hours before the mournful event took place, which we now record. It is hoped that all those who know these things will follow Mace's grateful example for the benefit of the bereaved.

Apart from sporting and sporting men, as a Life Subscriber to the noble institutions of the Licensed Victuallers' School and the Asylum, he gave his unceasing exertions in the cause of charity with a right good will, and a modesty and singleness of purpose without ostentation.

Mr. Wilson has left a child and a mourning widow (the latter will for a time, at least, carry on the business), who it is hoped will not be forgotten by his friends. Mr. Wilson was buried on Thursday, at the Highgate Cemetery, when many who had known him, as well as his relations and friends, paid their last respects to the dead.

Our accompanying portrait will be acceptable to thousands of our readers. Those who remember the cheery and good natured man, and the ever ready friend, will be glad to receive this most deserved tribute to his memory.

CONEY v. CLARKSON.

This was an action at Guildhall, before Mr. Justice Stoe, to recover £60 for money paid, &c.

The defendant pleaded non est.

Mr. Hindlestone, Q.C., and Mr. Montague Williams were counsel for the plaintiff; Mr. Serjeant Parry for the defendant. The plaintiff is the keeper of a night-house in Panton-street, Haymarket, and he said he frequently made bets on races and prize fights. The defendant, who was a gentleman of fortune, residing near Ipswich, was in the habit of frequenting the plaintiff's house, and in a conversation about the great fight of King and Heenan, which was about to come off, the plaintiff informed the defendant that he had bet £60 to £40 on Heenan. Upon that defendant asked the plaintiff to make a similar bet for him, and he accordingly did so with Tass Parker, and informed defendant of it the same evening, who expressed his satisfaction. He deposited £15 with Owen Swift, and the remaining £45 was handed to him a few evenings before the fight came off. When it was known that King had won Owen Swift paid over to Tass Parker the £60. The defendant frequently promised to pay the plaintiff the amount, but had not done so, and this action was brought. The plaintiff said on one occasion wrote to defendant in the following terms:—

"Dear Sir—Will you oblige by sending a draft on your bankers for £60 you lent to me on the fight? You told me you had given Foster money. He says it was a bet you made with him at my place. After the bet with me of £60 to £40 on Heenan, I was a very heavy loser on the fight, or I would not hurry you. Wishing you a happy new year, &c., yours, &c."

Foster was present when you laid me the wager." The plaintiff was cross-examined by Mr. Serjeant Parry. He said he had been fined many times. The last time £20 for keeping his house open after hours, and permitting prostitutes to congregate therein. The licence was not in his own name. He had never said to any one that he made the bet with the defendant. He entered the bet in his book, which he produced.

Owen Swift was called. The money, he said, was deposited with him by the plaintiff, and that after the fight he paid the £60 to Tass Parker.

Mr. Serjeant Parry, for the defendant, said the defendant had been misled by the particulars of demand furnished by the plaintiff, or he would have pleaded the illegality of the transaction under the Wagering Act, in which case the plaintiff could not possibly have recovered. The demand in the particulars was at variance with the statement of the latter. The defendant was addicted to drinking, and he was then so ill, confined to bed, that he could not attend.

The learned Judge, in summing up, remarked on the difference of the claim now and that made in the letter. It was for them to consider which they believed. It had been urged that the plaintiff was an uneducated man, and that his letter ought not to be too closely criticised. Mr. Serjeant Parry: Not so very illiterate.

Mr. Justice Stoe: He spells "was" as "whas," (Laughter). He does more than this to the letter "h." (Laughter).

The jury, after examining the letter and the entry in the betting book (the latter being urged as genuine, from its being entered with others, one a distinguished literary character), appeared to convey by their manner a doubt that the two were written by the same person. The jury ultimately returned a verdict for the defendant.

DEPARTURE OF THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES FROM BELVOIR CASTLE.

Shortly before noon on Saturday the Prince and Princess were brought up to the grass slope immediately under the gallery windows, from whence their royal highnesses obtained an excellent view of the park. The scene was brilliant in the extreme. The bastion, terraces, and gravel walks occupied by foot people, horsemen in scarlet, ladies on horseback, and vehicles of all descriptions lining the road, formed a picture which no doubt was taken advantage of by the numerous photographers who were on the spot. At last the order to move was given to Cooper, and the crowd dispersed, some to follow the chase, others to wander round the grounds in hopes of catching a peep at the royal visitors. In this hope they were not disappointed, for, after inspecting the kitchen, wine and beer cellars, the royal party, escorted by the Duke of Rutland, Lady Adoliza Norman, Lord and Lady John Manners, and others of the family, appeared on the south slope, where, as a memorial of their visit to the castle, the Prince and Princess of Wales planted a couple of trees. This ceremony over, luncheon was served in the Regency Gallery, and at half-past two their royal highnesses bade adieu to the social chateau. The spectacle, as the cortege moved from the castle, was picturesque and exciting. The vast crowd of spectators cheering and waving handkerchiefs and hats—the brilliant appearance of the yeomanry who formed the mounted escort—the



THE LATE MR. THOMAS WILSON, Proprietor of the Celebrated Sporting House, "Spotted Dog," 298, Strand. From the Original Photograph by NEWBOLD.

will have to be abandoned. At the hour of our writing there is not much likelihood of anything being done to alter the line this week; and Mr. Topham may consider himself exceedingly lucky to have the National Steeplechase at Liverpool be run off next Wednesday. Of course all the horses engaged at the Aintree *rennon* have been thrown out of work, or rather been necessitated to take to the roads for the purpose of getting in the best possible condition for a number of runners whenever the sports do come. Disputes Church Militant, and Overton have paid for the Annual Harrier Race (two miles, six leaps), for which Lord Poulett is sure to turn Benazet and Ace of Hearts, to get a further time for the purpose of being ready to start; but they will have their work cut out for them, for the best of the Harrier force is all over; and Skiff will be worth watching for all such engagements. Charman might pull off the *Morsey Cup*; and we shall trust to Mr. Kerry's beat for the Sefton Handicap, Emblem, Sinking Fund, Light-ship, Scurry, Sinner, and Agag will be among the Grand National absentees, or, unless they are unaccountably absent, they will have a sharp nose of Mr. Steward's horses will run, otherwise we should say Hornet's chance much. Mistake has not done enough work, so say trifling correspondent; but his owner appears to have done more than sufficient to make him the best of the likely competitors promise to be African, Marked, Laura, Morning, Real Jam, Scurry, Innellon, Surney, and Skiff. We cannot, however, fancy that the latter can quite get home; and Real Jam will not improve upon previous efforts here. With all his weight L'Africain will run a great horse, yet he will not forget the fall he had in Surrey, and that will affect him; but he is a horse who has been at Aintree all the week, doing beautifully, and must be a horse who cannot be made up our minds to the defeat of COLONY. MENAHE, COLONY for places, and for the absolute winner we must take

Lord Westmoreland's horse, *the Crown* drew forward, but could never get on, and *the Duke* was the only one to show any civility; half a length; two lengths separated the second and third; *Pantaloons* came next, and *the Duke* lengths in the year of Mr. Hodgman's mare; *Catalogue* was fifth; *Oution* sixth; *the Duke* was the last, and the distance ceased at the half distance last, and the PARK STAKES of 5 BOVS each, 3 furlongs, 1 lb. each, was run on the 12th and upwards; weight for age, with selling allowance. 4 suts. 5 furlongs, 1 lb. each. Mr. T. YORKS Kinsmaker, by *Nerillo-Flame*, 3 yrs, 21b 2b

Princes de Soltykoff's El Oe, 3 yrs, 21b 2b	J. Grimshaw 1
Mr. Harris's Queen Bee, 3 yrs, 21b 2b	W. J. Fox 2
	E. Forster 3

Betting: 8 to 1 on *Kingmaker*, who made all the running, and won easily two lengths; *Queen Bee* was beaten five lengths from the second. The 1000 GUINEA STAKES, 3 yrs, 10 lbs each, was run in the 1st division of the NOTTINGHAM SPRING HURDLES, of 10 BOVS each, 3 f, with 100 added; winners after the publication of the weights exact; the second to save his stake;

Mr. Gibbels's Albie, by Stockwell—Jeu d'Esprit, 4 yrs. 5 to 100
 Mr. Payne's Delcimer, 4 yrs, 6 to 100
 Mr. T. Hughes's Juliet, aged, 6 to 100
 Mr. W. Meeson's Waverley, 4 yrs, 6 to 100
 Mr. S. Houghton's Twilight, aged, 6 to 100
 Mr. T. Jennings's Crossbow, 4 yrs, 7 to 100
 Mr. J. Dawson's Sidelwain, 4 yrs, 7 to 100
 Lord Westmoreland's Sidelwain, 4 yrs, 7 to 100
 Mr. Goodwin's Empress of India, 4 yrs, 7 to 100
 Mr. L. W. Lard's Cordian Knot, 5 yrs, 7 to 100
 Mr. T. Wadlow's Gordian Knot, 5 yrs, 7 to 100
 Mr. Hodgman's Venture, 3 yrs, 6 to 100
 Betting: 9 to 4 agt Juliet, 10 to 1 agt agt Crossbow, and Empress India and Gordian Knot, 10 to 1 agt agt Sidelwain, 20 to 1 agt agt Juliet, 10 to 1 agt agt Albie, 20 to 1 agt agt Delcimer and Twilight.
 After a slight delay they were despatched to a straggling start. After going about three-quarters of a mile Albie got on better terms with the horses, and when fairly in the straight Empress India and Juliet held the lead, but before reaching the distance the latter gave way, and Delcimer joined Juliet, when Albie joined issue, and getting her head in front at the half distance, ran a closer winner by a length. A similar distance separated the second and third, placed by the judge, finishing fifth; Sidelwain was sixth, Shakespeare seventh, Empress of India eighth, Crossbow ninth, Gordian Knot tenth, Venture next, and the ground of the starter having despatched the horses without taking the rest flag in hand. The stewards, however, after hearing the case, left the judge's stand undisturbed.

RESULTS OF THE NOTTINGHAM SPRING HANDICAP SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT.

Year.	Winner.	Age.	sk. lb.	Jockey.	Price.
1854	Albion	4	8	Charlton	8 to 1
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1856	Jack Leeming	4	7	Alderford	9 to 1
1857	Fulke	4	6	Portman	9 to 1
1858	Albion	4	6	Madden	8 to 1
1859	Gladstone	3	5	H. Grimshaw	3 to 1
1860	Fulke	4	6	W. Johnson	4 to 1
1861	Fulke	4	6	W. Johnson	4 to 1
1862	Fitz Ewa	4	6	W. Johnson	11 to 2
1863	Revolver	4	6	H. Taylor	9 to 4
1864	Twilight	4	6	H. Taylor	9 to 4
1865	Twilight	4	6	H. Taylor	9 to 4
1866	Albie	4	6	H. Taylor	9 to 4

*Including 7th extra, and first year of the course being altered from one mile and a half to one and a quarter.
 *Carried 32 lbs, and course again one and a half miles.
 *Altered again to one and a quarter.

THE STAND PLATE HARVEST OF 50 SOVS, added to a Sweepstakes of 5 sovs each, 2 ft; winners extra. Half a mile, 25 sovs.

Lord Bateman's Queen of Trumps, by King of Trumps
 "Catherine Parr, aged, 6 to 100
 Mr. York's Nerve, 3 yrs, 6 to 100
 Mr. T. J. Ross's Blenheim, 4 yrs, 6 to 100
 Mr. C. Brower's The Nerve, 3 yrs, 6 to 100
 Marquis of Hastings's Africain, 5 yrs, 6 to 100
 Mr. Ditcher's Mangrove, 3 yrs, 6 to 100
 Mr. Foy's Havannah, 3 yrs, 6 to 100
 Betting: 6 to 4 agt Nerve, 10 to 1 agt agt Havannah; 11 to 2 agt Queen of Trumps; 10 to 1 agt agt The Nerve and Africain.
 After a slight delay they were despatched to a straggling start, when Nerve and Havannah joined issue, and ran home an easy winner by three lengths.

THE MAGNET STAKES OF 50 SOVS, for hunters who have never won a race; weight for age; 5 to 100; 100 extra; professional riders, 7 to 100 extra.

Mr. G. Russell's Lady Sykes, 11st
 Mr. G. Russell's Jack of Diamonds, 11st 12lb
 Mr. G. Walker's Phyllis, 11st 6lb, 12st 12lb
 Mr. T. Landell's Bubble, 11st 12lb
 Mr. H. Smith's Bessie, 11st 12lb
 Mr. Wilkinson's Love, aged, 19st 12lb
 Mr. Fuke's Maid of Lorn (h. b.), 11st 12lb
 Mr. C. Leas's Nerve, 11st 12lb
 Mr. Hall's Mass Elcot, 5 yrs, 11st 12lb
 Betting: 5 to 4 agt Lady Sykes; 3 to 1 agt Phyllis; 10 to 8 agt Bessie; 10 to 1 agt Nerve; 10 to 1 agt Bubble; 10 to 1 agt Jack of Diamonds; 10 to 1 agt Love; 10 to 1 agt Maid of Lorn; 10 to 1 agt Nerve; 10 to 1 agt Hall's Mass Elcot.
 The race was run on the 2nd of March, and the winner was Lady Sykes, by a length, followed by Jack of Diamonds, and a large number of persons congregated there throughout the afternoon. Up to the time of despatching our parcel there were no signs of a thaw, and the majority of bookmakers and backers returned to town, fully convinced that it was "any day on Jack Frost."

TATTERSALL'S MONDAY.

LIVERPOOL STEEPLECHASE.
 9 to 1 agt Coriolin (t)
 10 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 11 to 1 agt Laura (t)
 12 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t & off)
 13 to 1 agt Coriolin (t)
 14 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 15 to 1 agt Laura (t)
 16 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 17 to 1 agt Coriolin (t)
 18 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 19 to 1 agt Laura (t)
 20 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 CITY AND SUBURBAN.
 16 to 1 agt Out and Outer (t & off)
 20 to 1 agt Student (t & off)
 25 to 1 agt Baragah (t)
 25 to 1 agt Gung (t)
 THURSDAY.
 LIVERPOOL STEEPLECHASE.
 7 to 1 agt Coriolin (t)
 10 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 12 to 1 agt Laura (t)
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 14 to 1 agt Coriolin (t)
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 19 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 20 to 1 agt Laura (t)
 CITY AND SUBURBAN.
 20 to 1 agt Student (t & off)
 25 to 1 agt Baragah (t)
 25 to 1 agt Gung (t)
 THURSDAY.
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 19 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 20 to 1 agt Laura (t)
 CITY AND SUBURBAN.
 20 to 1 agt Student (t & off)
 25 to 1 agt Baragah (t)
 25 to 1 agt Gung (t)

VICTORIA CLUB—TUESDAY.

The NOTTINGHAM HANDICAP was the chief topic of discussion, as well as medium for speculation to-day, but as that event will be a thing of the past before this appears, the reproduction of the betting on the Liverpool Steeplechase, but after sundry efforts one bookmaker managed to lay 50 to 15 against the Emma gelding. The favorites remained in statu quo, but "any day" were the Emma gelding, a transaction which another experienced tactician would have repeated had he found a lay. Besides the heavy investment alluded to, a small outlay of 2/4, at 10 to 1, was effected in another quarter.

THURSDAY.

LIVERPOOL STEEPLECHASE.
 7 to 1 agt Coriolin (t)
 10 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 12 to 1 agt Laura (t)
 13 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t & off)
 14 to 1 agt Coriolin (t)
 15 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 16 to 1 agt Laura (t)
 17 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 18 to 1 agt Coriolin (t)
 19 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 20 to 1 agt Laura (t)
 CITY AND SUBURBAN.
 20 to 1 agt Student (t & off)
 25 to 1 agt Baragah (t)
 25 to 1 agt Gung (t)

THURSDAY.

LIVERPOOL STEEPLECHASE.
 7 to 1 agt Coriolin (t)
 10 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 12 to 1 agt Laura (t)
 13 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t & off)
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 CITY AND SUBURBAN.
 20 to 1 agt Student (t & off)
 25 to 1 agt Baragah (t)
 25 to 1 agt Gung (t)

THURSDAY.

LIVERPOOL STEEPLECHASE.
 7 to 1 agt Coriolin (t)
 10 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
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 17 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 18 to 1 agt Coriolin (t)
 19 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 20 to 1 agt Laura (t)
 CITY AND SUBURBAN.
 20 to 1 agt Student (t & off)
 25 to 1 agt Baragah (t)
 25 to 1 agt Gung (t)

CITY BETTING.

THURSDAY.
 Very little doing this morning. For the Liverpool Grand National. Coriolin would have been the favorite at 5 to 1; but 13 to 3 was the highest offer; consequently nothing was done.
 LIVERPOOL STEEPLECHASE.
 11 to 1 agt Coriolin (t)
 12 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 13 to 1 agt Laura (t)
 14 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t & off)
 15 to 1 agt Coriolin (t)
 16 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 17 to 1 agt Laura (t)
 18 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 19 to 1 agt Coriolin (t)
 20 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 CITY AND SUBURBAN HANDICAP.
 100 to 4 agt Mephistopheles (t)

On Thursday the Nottingham Meeting was again postponed.

MANCHESTER—WEDNESDAY.

LIVERPOOL STEEPLECHASE.
 9 to 1 agt Coriolin (t)
 10 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 11 to 1 agt Laura (t)
 12 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t & off)
 13 to 1 agt Coriolin (t)
 14 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 15 to 1 agt Laura (t)
 16 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 17 to 1 agt Coriolin (t)
 18 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 19 to 1 agt Laura (t)
 20 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 DERRY.
 1000 to 50 agt Lancelot (t)
 THURSDAY.
 LIVERPOOL STEEPLECHASE.
 8 to 1 agt Coriolin (t)
 11 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
 12 to 1 agt Laura (t)
 13 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t & off)
 14 to 1 agt Coriolin (t)
 15 to 1 agt Alcibiades (t)
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 20 to 1 agt Laura (t)

WEIGHTS FOR THE GREAT WARWICKSHIRE HANDICAP.

name	age	at lb	name	age	at lb
Cambuscan	5	9	F by Lord Falcon	4	6
Moulsey	4	8	berg-Lima	4	6
Archimedes	4	8	Na	4	6
Pearl Diver	4	8	Merry Hart	5	6
Kangaroo	6	7	Pelham	5	6
Dr. Syntax	6	7	Valiant	5	6
The Clown	5	7	Sidwain	4	6
Buckfoot	5	7	Voigtlander	5	6
Attache	4	7	Gedric	5	6
Redcap	4	7	by Duke	5	6
Filbert	4	7	Endeligh	4	6
Andior	4	7	Convent	4	6
Albie	4	7	Helen	5	6
Pirato	4	7	Forester	4	6
Wildman	4	7	Stagbound	3	5
Madam	5	6	Stagbound	3	5
Signalman	5	6	Tezela	3	5

THE JOCKEY CLUB.

At the next general meeting of the Jockey Club the stewards will bring forward the following proposals:—Whereas it is enacted by the 65th rule that estimating the value of any prize no deductions shall be made except of the winner's own stake, and of any sum or sums required by the conditions to be paid out of the stakes to the owners of any other horse or horses in the race; and a practice has been in vogue of advertising prizes in money with deductions varying from 25 to 10 per cent. to be returned by the winners, to their double injury, inasmuch as such subtraction cannot be recognised in estimating the value of prizes, and a winner of a £100 prize with 20 deducted is obliged to carry the penalty of extra weight upon winners of £100; and whereas the Jockey Club should appeal to the stewards of country races, the racing committees, and the lessees to discontinue this obnoxious and unfair system, and to advertise the real net addition only.

Also, that the Jockey Club should recommend that in races to which no public money is added, there should be no condition requiring the winner to pay any sum to the race-fund or the expenses of a meeting.
 And that Rule 40 of the Jockey Club on the subject of handicappers receiving presents, be altered from the rules concerning horseracing in general, which was intended when the rules were passed.
 Mr. J. Frail having advertised in the Racing Calendar of February 22nd, that the Windsor Spring Meeting would not take place, and that unless the subscribers of the Spring engagements intimated to Messrs. Walker to withdraw their nominations, he would consider the said engagements to stand good; and as in the same Calendar Mr. Verrall, in announcing the Lewes Spring Meeting to be adjourned to the 22nd of March, states that all nominations received for the former fixture will be retained unless specially ordered to the contrary, the Stewards of the Jockey Club proposed that the former fixture, when a meeting is changed from one week to another every engagement becomes void; if the original subscribers decline to reinvest, their silence is sufficient; and if they wish to renew it is legally necessary that a fresh nomination should be made. The Stewards therefore warn Messrs. Frail and Verrall not to republish engagements without due authority from the horse owners.

TURF SCANDALS.

Turf scandals have been the life of late. We would gladly pass them by; indeed we had not intended to take note of them, but there are duties that must be performed, however distasteful; and these Turf scandals are of them.
 The McCallum affair may call for mention in another column; the "Bristles" affair may call for some comment in our next. The matter does not seem to us yet ripe for fair discussion.
 Admiral Rous has introduced an approach to reform in the Laws and Practices of Racing, by which the "got-up" meetings will be put upon a proper footing, or put down altogether.
 The police are hunting the betting men from the streets of London, and they (the betting men) must carry on their practices elsewhere. Tattersall's is open to the aristocracy, where they may lay in due indulgence "in amusements" from which a lower stratum in society is excluded. The fairness of this is a question for future consideration.

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THE TURF, THE RACEDRESS, AND THE FARM.—A second edition of this "social and popular work," by Mr. R. H. Copperthwaite, has just been published, and in order to bring the valuable information contained therein within reach of the "million," the author has consented to the price of this very neatly got up volume to be half a guinea, and it can be had from all book-sellers, as well as at the railway book-stalls.
 EMANCIPATION.—Mr. John Day, jun., not Mr. John Day, jun., who expired on the 29th ult. at Danbury.
 CROCODON GREAT MYSTICORINUS STEEPLECHASE, Nov. 1855.—We are informed by the Stewards of the Game that a majority of the prizes of the decided race in favour of Coriolin, the horse that came in second, whose owner claimed the stakes on the ground that Old Overbury was the forfeit.
 LESTER, Jerry, Sinking Fund, Agg (dead), and Game Chicken are struck out of the Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase.
 CURRICH MILITARY, Ivanhoe, Agg, Principal and Overbury, have paid forfeit for the Liverpool Annual Hurdle Race.
 QUEEN OF TRUMPS, Lucy Long, and Steamboat are struck out of the Liverpool Spring Flying Stakes.
 LUCY LONG, Steamboat, Danbury, and Lady Abess are scratched for the Setton Handicap.
 WOLFE is struck out of all his engagements.
 The Croodon Steeplechase dispute has been by a majority of the stewards decided in favour of Coriolin.
 WALZING's name should be omitted from the Chester Cup list.
 TACKLING pays forfeit for the City and Suburban. Bodolin is scratched for the Doncaster Spring Handicap.
 TACKLING, Despair, Gussie, Motley, Knave of Diamonds, Suspicion, Oscar, and Santa have been paid; the two latter to qualify.
 WEYMOUTH RACES.—In consequence of there being no races at Exeter this year, these races will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, August 29 and 30, instead of the 29th and 31st.

STOCKBRIDGE MEETING.—In consequence of the small entry for the Stewards' Plate, it has been determined, with the consent of the Stewards and the subscribers, to cancel the race, and to add the 100 sovs to the entry. The Lord Portland, for a new race, to be called the Hurlsturns Cup, and to close on the 6th of March.
 DURNHAM RACES, EASTER MONDAY AND TUESDAY.—The North Durham Handicap, with 50 added; the Raby Stakes (Handicap), with 50 added; and the Wynyard Plate of 30 sovs, will close and name on the 6th of March. For further particulars see advertisement.
 LANCASHIRE MEETING.—As many inquiries were made at the above meeting relative to the absence of Portman—most of the well-known jockeys being present—we may state that his absence was owing to indisposition. A few days will doubtless see him in the right again.
 The house and premises which formerly belonged to the late Sam Chiffey, at Newmarket, and were purchased by Count Bathurst at the last Houghton Meeting, with regard to the hammer again during the Craven week, unless previously disposed of in the interim.
 A. EDWARDS, "renewed relations" with Lord Stanford's stable at Lincoln, where the 10th Game and Liberty Club; and Capt. Machel having released second claim of his services, Lord Stanford has now first call of Edwards after Mr. Merry. Mons. Luel is his third master.
 LIVES SPRING RACES.—In order to avoid clashing with Warwick and Croxton Park this meeting has been postponed to the 22nd and 23rd of March, being the two days following Northampton. The principal stakes close on Tuesday, March 6.

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DURHAM RACES, EASTER MONDAY AND TUESDAY.—The N Handicap, with 50 sows added; the Raby Stakes (Handicap), w and the Wyndar Stale of 50 sows, will close and name on the 7th inst. For particulars see advertisement.

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Athletic Sports.

THE LONDON ATHLETIC CLUB MEETING.

The above celebrated club held their first meeting of the season at the West London Cricket Grounds at Brompton, on Saturday last, when fully 1,000 persons assembled to witness the decision of the excellent programme issued by the committee of management. The above society was one of the first to appear in the field under the title of the Mincing-lane Athletic Club, and change of name has not only brought an excellent change, but also, by broad principles of action, increased success, as the proceedings of Saturday fully show. J. Norman Layton, Esq., performed the duties of judge to the satisfaction of all. The committee were W. W. Towne, Esq., P. M. Thornton, Esq., W. M. Chinnery, Esq., and H. L. Johnston, Esq.; while C. D. Tanqueray-Williams, Esq., the honorary secretary, acted as starter, and to whose courtesy to the Press all thanks are due. The following is a brief return of the events decided, which commenced with the

CHALLENGER CUP OF 220 YDS.—It will be recollected that the trial heats were run a fortnight ago. The race on Saturday was between W. A. Simpson, the holder of the cup, and P. M. Thornton. A good start was effected, but the turn for home gave Thornton the lead, which he maintained to the end, and won a fast-run race by half a yard, the time being only 24 seconds.

THE QUARTER OF A MILE HANDICAP.—The thirteen entries were divided into two heats, and were decided as under:—

First Heat.—F. C. Barker, 40 yds start, and C. Berkley 48, ran a dead heat. C. G. Pym, the scratch man, was third, and R. J. Jenkins, 38, gave up 120 yards from home. Messrs. Barker and Pym had both therefore to run in the final.

Second Heat.—K. T. Digby, 40, passed Ludlam, 55, a hundred yards from the start, when he came to the front and won easily; W. A. Simpson was second.

Final Heat.—F. C. Barker, 40, O. Berkley, 48, K. T. Digby, 40, and W. A. Simpson, 28, now came to run off for the final heat. At the start Dan Morris, Digby's attendant, accidentally crossed the running track and fouled Simpson, who wheeled round to the grass, causing him thereby to lose his chance of the race. However, he went away at a dashing pace, but could not succeed in getting quite up to his opponent's, so that Digby won by two yds.; Berkley second, and Simpson third. It was afterwards settled that Digby should run the second and third men on Thursday next at Brompton.

FOUR MILE WALKING HANDICAP.—At the end of the first lap the course being just a quarter of a mile round, E. Boor, 225 yds start, was first; A. Moxon, with the same start, was second; and B. Slater, 80, was third; J. Westall 55, was fourth; and G. T. Chinnery 55, in advance of W. Rye, the scratchman. Up to the first mile, which was done in 8 min 13 sec by Rye, the racing was the same, except that Rye was gradually gaining on his men. In the fifth lap Westall passed Chinnery, and in the seventh lap Rye also passed Chinnery and took fourth place, the time for the second mile being 17 min 20 sec. No alteration took place in the ninth and tenth laps, Moxon slowly falling off, Westall becoming second, whilst Boor was leading by 90 yds, Slater a lap out. Third mile time, scratchman 20 min 14 sec, and no difference in the position of the men. Thirteenth lap, Boor first, Westall second, and Rye third. Westall gave in soon after the beginning of this round. Fourteenth lap, Boor in front by 40 yds, Rye second, and Chinnery third. Fifteenth lap, the same as the last. Fourth mile, which was accomplished by the winner, Boor, in 34 min 55 sec, won by 3 secs. Chinnery was second and Rye was third.

THE HANDICAP OF 130 YDS.—First Heat.—M. E. Joblin, scratch, won by half a yard; G. H. Jupp, 9, was second. Time, 13½ sec.

Second Heat.—P. Butler 12, won a good race by a foot. C. G. Emery, 5, was second. Time, 13½ sec.

Third Heat.—J. H. Lee, 10 yds start, won a slow-run race by half a yard; H. Mosely 2, being second; no pistol was fired. Time, 14½ sec.

Final Heat.—P. Butler, won by six yds. M. E. Joblin, scratch, and J. H. Lee, 10, ran two dead heats, after which Joblin came in second, and Lee third.

ONE MILE HANDICAP.—This was a fine race, for in the third lap F. Witly, 130 yds start, and W. M. Chinnery, scratch, both passed W. H. Smiles, 160, at the turn for home, but Chinnery soon came in front of Witly, and won a good race by twelve yards. Time, 4 min 40 sec.

The prizes, which were valuable and appropriate, attracted much attention.

ATHLETICS AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

GREAT QUARTER MILE RACE.—CAMBRIDGE AGAIN VICTORIOUS. By far the largest number of spectators that have been on Fenner's celebrated athletic ground this year were present on Monday to witness the sports decided by Sir St. John's College. It is computed that there were no fewer than two thousand persons on the ground, and these were chiefly University men and the Dons. The liberal offer of a twenty guinea cup for the Strangers' Race was expected to attract some of the Oxford crack runners, but Mr. Lawes' Oxford quarter seems to have completely taken the wind out of the Oxford men, and none of the Oxford men came to the scratch. Mr. O. Guy Pym, of the Civil Service Club, was amongst those who not only entered but was amongst the starters, and was made the favourite by the Londoners. The weather was delightfully fine, and the going, for turf at this season, was by any means bad. The victory of Cambridge over the Cockney champion in the Strangers' Race was received with the utmost enthusiasm; and Mr. Chetnam had quite an ovation. Mr. Fitzherbert's long jump was something extraordinary, and was much cheered.

One Hundred Yds Race.—First heat: Cowie, 1; Poole, 2; beating Wyburgh and Lealand. Won by two lengths; time, 11 seconds. Second heat: Brogden, 1; Hey, 2; beating Smith and Atkinson easily; time, 11 seconds. Third heat: Boyes, 1; Pitman, 2; beating Bagnall; time 11 seconds. Ties.—First heat: Brogden, 1; Cowie, 2; Poole, 0. Won by a couple of yds; time, 10½ seconds. Second

heat: Boyes, 1; Pitman 2; Hey, 0. A close race, cleverly won on the post in 10½ seconds. Final heat: Boyes, 1; Brogden, 2. Won very easily by five yds; time, 11 seconds.

High Jump.—Fitzherbert, 1, five feet; Hey, 2, four feet nine inches, beating four others.

Putting the Weight.—Charney, 1, 29 feet; Hodges, 2, 28 feet 9 inches; beating Williams, Osborne, Watney, Sherwood, Ambrose, Pitman, Gennie, and Doig.

Hurdle Race, 120 Yds, and over 10 Flights.—First heat: Fitzherbert, 1; Osborne, 2; Cowie, 3. Won very easily; time, 19½ seconds. Second heat: Hey, 1; Pritchard, 2; Cochran, 3. Won by a couple of yds, in 20 seconds. Final heat: Fitzherbert, 1; Hey, 2; Osborne, 3. The winner, who at hurdles is the cleverest freshman of the year, topped them in splendid style, and won by fifteen or twenty yds. in 19 seconds.

Quarter Mile Race.—Boyes, 1; Cowie, 2; beating Osborne, Thorpe and Braithwaite. This was a very good race. Braithwaite made the race at starting, but gave place to Thorpe, who, being eventually pumped, Boyes came on with a good stride, and won easily, Cowie only winning second place on the post.

Long Jump.—Fitzherbert, 1, 19 feet 3 inches; Wyburgh, 2, 17 feet 8 inches; O'Grady, 3. This was certainly the greatest performance of the day, if not of the term; and if Mr. Fitzherbert is well we shall much wonder if he does not repeat the Gladiator feat and score the four events, two of which, the University Freshmen and his own college long jump, he has already gained, the other two being his own Varsity and the Inter-University long jump. Mr. Fitzherbert scored his longest jump this afternoon very cleverly in his first effort, and after a couple of ineffectual attempts to increase it, and as no one

them, it being believed the two "P's" would have it all their own way. After one or two false starts all got off on pretty equal terms, but in less than 20 yds Pelham was slightly leading, Thornton and Pym immediately behind. At 25 yds Thornton and Pym had collared Pelham, and for a short distance the " trio " went shoulder to shoulder at a hot pace. Mr. Thornton, however, soon took the lead, and the pace fearfully fast. All along the back stretch, the sprint, with Pelham, raced along, and by the time they reached the Old Pavilion Thornton was leading Pym a couple of yards; Pelham a good third. In coming down the hill, Pym, on the inside, went by Thornton and Chetnam, who, with Gibbs, had been " waiting " all the way, and went past Pelham and Thornton, and its coming into the straight he was only half a yard behind Pym, who, as well as Thornton and Pelham, was dead beaten, verifying the old adage, "Tis the pace that kills." Thornton pulled up, but the Cockney struggled gamely on, but was passed by Chetnam 20 yards from home, and Gibbs, the Jesus aspirant for athletic honours, was counting on being behind. At about ten yards from home Mr. Pym fell hopelessly to the ground exhausted, and Gibbs came second, the Hon. Mr. Pelham getting third. The excitement during the last 120 yards of the race was something extraordinary, cries of Pelham, Pym, and "Chetnam," being heard all over the ground; and above all was heard, as the New Pavilion was passed, the shout, "Chetnam wins." A tremendous burst of cheering was sent up when it was found that Chetnam had won, which did not subside for some time. The time was very good, the quarter being run in 55 sec.

One Mile Race.—Atkinson, 1; Hoars, 2; beating seven others. Time 5 min 13 sec.

Throwing the Hammer.—Osborne, 1, 70ft, 3in; Williams, 2, 68ft 10in; beating two others.

Walking Race of Two Miles.—Whitley, 1; Charney, 2. Won by 200 yards. Time 17 min 30 sec.

A Consolation and Hopping Race concluded the sports.

THE LIVERPOOL GYMNASIUM.

A grand assault at arms will be held in the gymnasium on Wednesday, the 28th March, when the diploma of the institution will be publicly presented to the successful candidates. Three classes of diploma will be offered for competition. To obtain one of the first class it will be necessary to gain 100 marks; second class, 75 marks; third class, 50 marks. The marks will be allotted as under in the following exercises: 1. Half-mile foot race, 200 yards, 0; 120 seconds, 20 marks. 2. High running leap, 40 inches, 0; 70 inches, 15 marks. 3. Long leap with a run, 10 feet, 0; 20 feet, 15 marks. 4. Climbing a rope with hands and feet, 25 feet, 0; 100 feet, 20 marks. 5. Rising and sinking in parallel bars, 5 times, 0; 30 times, 15 marks. 6. Swimming, 100 yards, 0; 1 mile, 15 marks. 7. General knowledge of gymnastics, 50 marks. 8. Fencing, sabre, &c., 15 marks. 9. Boxing, 15 marks. 10. Wrestling, 15 marks.

The shot must be put from the shoulder right and left, the average of both sides being taken. Competitors making at least one point in the first six exercises will not be entitled to a diploma. The marks for fencing, boxing, wrestling, swimming, &c., will be awarded by the respective professors.

HASLINGDON ATHLETIC CLUB.—A club has been recently formed at Haslingdon, near Manchester, which already numbers about fifteen members. The club meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The hon. sec. is Mr. James Rawstorn, jun. [We shall be glad to hear from Mr. Rawstorn.]

DOG DOINGS IN THE UNITED STATES.

We extract the following from the *New York Clipper* of Feb. 17:—From present indications it would seem that the connoisseurs of savage canine are determined not to allow their favourite sport to flag, fresh matches springing up in various portions of the country. The most important of these is one arranged to take place next month between a Cleveland and Chicago dog at 21½ lb, for 500 dollars a side. The match is occasioning much speculation among sporting circles in New York, Philadelphia, and Boston, and considerable money has already been wagered upon the result. As an indication of the state of the market, and the interest centred in the match, we will mention a bet of 500 dollars to 400 dollars, made by Thomas Heathwood, of Lowell, Mass., with Harry Jennings, the former staking his currency on the Cleveland representative, which has the first choice, and heavily backed from this city and "Filly," the Bostonians upholding the claims of the "pup" from the Western metropolis. As the impression prevails in some quarters that the Chicago dog alluded to is in reality Mr. Jennings' Bowler. "Arry" writes us to say that such is not the case, and that he will make good every dollar lost contrary to his statement that the dog that fights the Cleveland dog is never yet fought for a dollar—providing they will agree to make this match at 20½ weight, for 500 dollars a side, against a New York quadruped, to come off in a few weeks, and he is prepared to match his representative in this encounter, win or lose, against Tall Jones's white dog Turpin, of New York, at 20½, for 500 or 1,000 dollars a side, within two months thereafter. Bowler, the champion 21½ dog, goes westward shortly, and is ready to scratch in four or five weeks' time for 2,000 to 10,000 dollars.

DOMINOES.—MATCH FOR £2.—On Saturday last a match at dominoes, the best five out of nine games, came off at the house of Mr. G. Lookwood, the Black Horse Inn, Barnsley, between Robert Ratcliffe and Charles Swift, both of Low Valley, near Barnsley, for £1 a side. The match was a very exciting one, and very closely played. There was a good sum invested on the result by the numerous company present. The first four games were won by Swift, the next four were won by his opponent, thus leaving the issue of the match in the last game, at the end of which, on showing up, Swift had a "blank four" and Ratcliffe a "four-one," the former, therefore, was hailed the winner by a single "pip." Mr. Joseph Makin, of Low Valley, filled the double office of referee and stakeholder, and gave great satisfaction by his impartial decisions when appealed to.

John Morris, Head Centre for Carlow, and nearly as dangerous an individual as Stephens, has been arrested. It was to him, as the recent trial proved, that the large number of pikes manufactured by Moore in Dublin were consigned.



MR. SOTHERN, the Celebrated Comedian ("Lord Dundreary"), and Exposer of Spiritualism.

was anywhere within distance, he wisely reserved himself for future occasions. Graduates' Race of 200 Yards.—Hudson, 1; Torry, 2; beating Johnson, Haslam, Street, Cope, and Gennie. Won by half a dozen yards; time, 25 seconds.

THE EXCITING QUARTER-MILE RACE. This was the race of the term, St. John's College committee having led the van in a movement to offer prizes of sufficient value to induce strangers from a distance to measure their abilities against the best men of this University, and we are glad that though it was not sufficient to induce the "crack" runners of the sister university to show up, it did produce a field of five runners, four of whom belonged to Cambridge, and the fifth the champion amateur of London, and a magnificent race was the result. This race was fixed to take place at half-past two, and the appearance of the ground at that time was very imposing. The whole of the spectators were kept behind the ropes, and the following men came to the post:—Hon. E. G. Pelham (Trinity College, Cambridge), C. Guy Pym (Civil Service Club, London), P. O. Thornton (Jesus College, Cambridge), Chetnam (Trinity Hall, Cambridge), and Gibbs (Jesus, Cambridge). As soon as the pavilion bell rang Mr. Pym jumped into the course and ran a short sprint, his form and going greatly increasing the confidence of his friends who backed him to win; but there were some "knowing" supporters of the light-blue, who took the odds eagerly, believing that the turf would tell on the Londoner, who is accustomed to running on a hard path, and as the result proved, they were right as to the effect both on Pym and Mr. Thornton, the latter, having been lately accustomed to the running path. The Hon. Mr. Pelham next made his appearance, and was eagerly cannoned a good many "standing" him to win. Gibbs, Thornton, and Chetnam, came out in succession, but the winner was not looked for amongst

PEDESTRIANISM.

MATCHES TO COME.

MARCH.

- 3.-Stewart and Todd—50 yards, £20 a side, Fenham Park Grounds, Newcastle.
- 3.-Booth and Hodgson—651 yards, £20 a side, Royal Oak Grounds, Manchester.
- 3.-Casson and Cooper—440 yards, £10 a side, St. Thomas's Grounds, Stanbury.
- 3.-Bateson and Norris—one mile, £10 a side, Royal Oak Grounds, Manchester.
- 3.-Grey and Marley—130 yards, £5 a side, Kepier Grounds, Durham.
- 3.-Messrs. Lowe and Taylor's 150 Yards Handicap, £25, Borough Grounds, Wigan.
- 3.-Goodall and Goldstraw—120 yards, £10 a side, Goodall with two yards start, High Park, Fenton.
- 3.-Grey and Howitt—120 yards, £10 a side, Brompton.
- 3.-Dudley and Wilcox—120 yards, £15 a side, Aston Cross Grounds, Birmingham.
- 3.-Ligo and Walkenden—200 yards, £10, Ince Grounds, Wigan.
- 3.-Mills and Thompson—120 yards, £5 a side, Aston Cross Grounds, Birmingham.
- 3.-Balderson and Fairclough—200 yards, £15 a side, Fairclough allowing 10 yards start, Ince Grounds, Wigan.
- 3.-Hudson and Tuck—380 yards, £20 a side, West London Grounds, Brompton.
- 3.-Meek and Paxton—100 yards, £10 a side, Aston Cross, Birmingham.
- 3.-Bruton and Holloway—100 yards, £5 a side, Aston Cross, Birmingham.
- 3.-Messrs. Mellor and Haigh's 220 Yards Handicap, £30, Hyde Park, Sheffield.
- 3.-Mr. G. Brown's 120 Yards Handicap, £10, West London Grounds, Brompton.
- 3.-Nuttall and Collier—400 yards, £25 a side, Collier to have 7 yards start, Royal Oak Grounds, Manchester.
- 3.-Malham and Smith—150 yards, £25 a side, Victoria Race Grounds, Leeds.
- 3.-Mr. J. Britton's 150 Yards Handicap, £20, City Grounds, Manchester.
- 3.-12.-500 Yards Open Handicap, £15, Phoenix Grounds, Heywood.
- 3.-Mr. Laughlin and Thomas—to walk four miles, £5 a side, Strawberry Hotel Grounds, Liverpool.
- 3.-Halley and Jones—140 yards, £10 a side, Wall Heath Grounds, Dudley.
- 3.-Bower and Hobbins—120 yards, £10 a side, Hobbs staking £11 to £10, Prince of Wales Ground, Bow.
- 3.-Hopkins and Lee—100 yards, £5 a side, Britannia Race Grounds, Tipton.
- 3.-De Grass and Wearden—120 yards, £10 a side, New Vauxhall Grounds, Birmingham.
- 3.-Doble and Jakes—100 yards, £5 a side, Britannia, Tipton.
- 3.-13.-Mellor and Haigh's 220 Yards Handicap, £30 in prizes, Hyde Park Grounds, Sheffield.
- 3.-Booth and Green—400 yards, £25 a side, Royal Oak Grounds, Manchester.
- 3.-Cooper and Mills—5 miles, £25 a side, Hackney Wick.
- 3.-Sanson and Small—200 yards, £25 a side, Bow.
- 3.-14.-Craggington and Hewwood—150 yards, £50 a side, Royal Oak Grounds, Manchester.
- 3.-Golder and Miles—1 mile, £25 a side, Hackney Wick.

BROMPTON.

MONDAY. The good muster at the West London Cricket Ground were in the main disappointed in regard to the principal event not taking place, namely, the one between

A. AUSTIN and W. BAILLY.—These two were to have run half a mile for £20 a side, Austin to have 30 yds start. There was much cavilling from the commencement. The rule to measure the ground was objected to by Austin, and, as the articles stated it at the referee was to be chosen in the ground, all were objected to by one party or the other; and Mr. Henry Holt, jun., having refused to take the unthankful office, considering the spirit displayed, the race was postponed. The men subsequently agreed to increase the stake to £30 a side, and decide their respective merits at the distance of 880 yds, on Monday, March 26.

The only other contest calling for mention was the race of 150 yards, for a small stake, between

M. PHILLIPS and J. BUTLER.—Both are denizens of Lambeth. There was a good deal of chaffing among the patrons of the man, who had previously arranged to go by report of pistol, but afterwards agreed to start by mutual consent. Butler gained the advantage in getting off, but not far from the scratch it was asserted that Phillips fouled Butler. Be that as it may, however, it did not alter Butler's chance, who soon after got in front, and won easily. William Watley, the celebrated waiter, was referee; and Butler himself denied the foul of his opponent. Many betting men were present.

BOW.

SATURDAY, FEB. 24.—There was another good muster this day, to witness several events set down for decision. Notwithstanding the late heavy rain, J. H. Goulding, now the manager of the Prince of Wales Ground, had got the course in a good order. There were only two races which call for particular mention, namely the following:—

W. GREEN and H. CLARK.—Both are habitués of Poplar, and had to run half a mile for £5 a side. Green had the services of his brother, the betting at the time of starting being about at even. Clark dashed off with the lead, and so well did he improve his advantage that at an early portion of the race he was full 20 yds ahead. Just after half the distance had been gone, however, the pace being very tight, Green began to recover, and, caught Clark at the commencement of the last round, and after a game struggle for the lead for 200 yds, Green came away, and won by 20 yards.

MITCHELL, OF POPLAR, and PHILLIPS, OF WHITECHAPEL.—These men contended in the short spin of 100 yards, for £10. Nine minutes out of the eleven allowed for "mutual consent" dodge were wasted, when they got off on very fair terms, and ran most gamely side by side nearly all the way, when Phillips, in the last few paces, just managed to get his shoulder in front, and won a most exciting race by nearly half a yard. Mr. H. Woodstock was the referee in both races, and the management of John Goulding deserves praise.

BIRMINGHAM.

ASTON CROSS.—Upwards of a thousand spectators visited these grounds on Monday afternoon, the weather being fine and the matches promising great interest. At three o'clock the first match commenced between

SMITH and HADLEY, both of Smethwick, to run 120 yards, for £5 a side. Betting even, but before the start was made it turned to 6 to 4 on Hadley. The start was good, and the race in good condition, Hadley attended by Foster, of Oldbury, and Smith by Jones, of West Bromwich. They went off well together, and a good race ensued till half distance, when Hadley took the lead and won by a yard. Mr. O. Bolton referee.

H. GURLEY, OF BIRMINGHAM, and C. MILLS, OF ASTON, to run one mile, for £10 a side, Mills having 10 yards start. The often tried powers of these runners caused quite a furore on the event, and a considerable amount of cash was sported on the occasion at even money. The men had been carefully trained, and Whitty and T. Peters at-

tended on Gurley, and G. Harshorn and O'Connell, of Dublin, on Mills. The mile comprised six laps and a distance. A good start was effected, but Gurley gained on Mills at every step, and in the second lap passed him, and in the fourth started forward and left his adversary ten yards in the rear. When another three quarters distance had been attained Mills gave in, apparently dead heat, to the great astonishment of those who had backed him so liberally, and Gurley leisurely traversed the remainder of the distance.

NEW VAUXHALL GROUNDS.—Mr. Davis's Novice 150 Yds Handicap came off at these grounds on Monday last for money prizes. There were 14 acceptors, in 4 heats. The first was between R. Millard, 12 yds, and G. Bowry, 23 yds. The latter led till within a couple of yards of home, when Millard collared him and won by a yard. J. Davis, scratch, did not run. The second was won by W. Lewis, 18 yds, by a yard; T. Harris, 3 yds, second; A. Sala, 11 yds, a yard behind; J. Valloway, 3 yds, absent. Third heat: E. Joyce won by a yard; J. Rose, 6 yds, second; and Journeyman, 7 yds, close up. Fourth heat: J. Davis, 15 yds, beat Mordike's Novice, 2 yds, by two yards, leaving B. Swann, scratch, three yards in the rear. After a most tedious interval the final heat was contested, J. Davis, 15 yds, E. Joyce, 5 yds, R. Millard, 12 yds, and W. Lewis, 18 yds. Davis quickly passed Lewis and took the lead, which he maintained throughout and won by a yard. A good race took place next, when Swann overtook Joyce and passed Lewis at half distance, but they were fouled and checked in their career. Mr. Smith referee. Mr. Jones starter. Two matches between Dudley and Wilcox to run 120 yards, for £15 a side; that between Millership and Thompson, of 120 yards, for £5 a side; Meek and Paxton, 100 yards, for £10 a side, and Brunton and Holloway, for 100 yards, at £5 a side, continue to progress regularly, and are appointed to come off at Aston Cross on Monday next.

Two matches at New Vauxhall are also going steadily on, and will come off as follows: De Grass and Wearden, of London, 120 yds, £10 a side, on March 12; Smalley and an Unknown, from London, who is backed for £10 to run 11 miles and jump 60 hurdles, whilst Smalley walks 8 miles, on March 12; Smalley is also matched to walk 7 miles

race for £4, distance one mile. The competitors were William Marr and Thomas Malkin, both Barnsley lads. The lads agreed to start by mutual consent, and after a few attempts they got off, Marr taking the lead, closely followed by Malkin, and in this way they proceeded to the commencement of the seventh lap, when Malkin was to the front and finished the race as he liked, and won by 14 or 15 yds; time again. The betting was very brisk, at 2 to 1 on Marr, and a good sum was invested, his friends at the commencement of the race being very sanguine as to the result. The course had to be traversed eight times to complete the mile. Mr. James Brown, of the Clarence Hotel, Barnsley, filled the double office of stakeholder and referee.

MONDAY, FEB. 26.—The above grounds were well patronised on Monday afternoon, the event being a match against time. William Marr, the man who was defeated in the mile race on Saturday, backed himself to run one mile under 6 minutes (eight times round the course) the friends of Malkin backing the "enemy." Soon after the appointed time Marr appeared on the mark, and commenced his task, and some splendid running was witnessed, at the close of which it was found that he had run the mile in 5 min and 45 sec. Mr. William Winter officiated as referee.

TIPTON.

BRITANIA NEW GROUNDS.—The number of matches to be decided on Monday attracted during the afternoon upwards of 2,000 spectators, who were gratified with a display of pedestrianism of the most genuine description. The matches were run in the following order:—

T. TUDOR, of Dudley Port, and H. Smith, of Great Bridge, to run 100 yards, for £5 a side. Both were lads under fourteen years of age, but appeared up to their work. Mr. W. May officiated as referee; betting even. Tudor had the best of the start, and taking the lead throughout, came in winner by a yard and a half.

JONES, of Coaley, and Magnus, of Bilston, two young lads of the same age, were matched for 100 yards at £5 a side. Betting even, Jones for choice. Mr. May referee. They got well off together, but it was evident at half distance that Magnus had the race in his hands; he pushed forward, and won by a yard and a half.

T. PRICE, of Tipton, and H. Wood, of Dulse Bank, to run 100 yards, for £10 a side. Betting may be quoted at 5 to 4 on Wood, who was attended by T. Woodcock, and Price by Kirkham, of West Bromwich. Mr. J. Shentone referee. Wood had the best of the start, and led up to within four yards of the top, when Price, who had closely followed him, pushed forward, and won by a foot only.

H. TUDOR, of Dudley Port, and Sim Webb, of Kate's Hill, matched to run 100 yards, Webb staking £12 to £10. Betting 2 to 1 on Webb. Mr. Chalmersworth, of Dudley, referee and stakeholder. Tudor had the best of the start, but Webb at half distance took the lead, and ran in an easy winner by two yds.

PARKER and J. Haines, both of Wilton, to run 120 yards, for £5 a side. Betting 5 to 4 on Haines. Mr. W. May referee. Parker had the start, and went gaily onwards, till within a few yards of home, when Haines made a spurt, and passing him won by half a yard.

MILLERSHIP and Thompson's of Oldbury, 600 yards match, for £10 a side, is off, Millership having forfeited his deposit of £4.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

FENHAM PARK RUNNING GROUNDS.—This interesting report was on the whole moderately well attended last Saturday, never then five attractive looking matches being undelivered for the afternoon's amusement. Beyond a rather strong wind which blew pretty freely from the west, the weather was otherwise of a suitable nature for foot-racing. We noticed very few of the usual Fenham habits, notwithstanding that two of the races were stated to be for the lump sum of £40 each. Mr. John Adams, Mr. James Percy, Mr. Foster, Mr. Phillips, and a few others only coming under our observation. Nothing of the least consequence beyond what we have stated need preface our usual full account of the running, which was as under.

J. MARTIN and M. Logan, to run 440 yds, for £10 a side. The early hour (one o'clock) precluded a large attendance. Unless the inaugural event on any occasion be of superlative interest, the Gate is usually of an inferior kind. Logan was highest in the position in the market, where small odds, to small sums, were forthcoming. The runners were not very punctual to time; but the great interest displayed by the people in the issue of the race, prevented any material tediousness. The contest was of a very determined character, and resolutely conducted. After a few minutes had expired, to admit of preliminary, a first class start was made; the pace was made hot at once, but the extremely equal merits of the opponents somewhat tended to quickly reduce the speed, at least when 200 yds or thereabouts had been traversed; this was simply to be expected. Not to overdraw the match a jot, it was indubitably one of the finest of the season, and it was not by any means a disgrace to be beaten, especially after

the almost heroic efforts made by Martin to get the award. It was a race from end to end, Logan tried his best to pump out Martin; and vice versa; this was precisely the principle and tactics observable during the match; and it was a hazardous matter to speculate on the chance of either, until a few strides from the fatal tape, when Logan, after many a good struggle gradually bade adieu to Martin, who suffered defeat by only five feet. Mr. James Percy referee.

J. JEN, of Stockton, and T. Willis, of Sunderland, to contest 120 yards, for £40. This was one of the "star" events of the afternoon, but we fancy it fell considerably flat, judging by the comparatively meagre muster of the fanciers of this sport. Jub, we understand, has figured in his own district, which is at the present time displaying more than customary activity in the cause of pedestrianism. We are not, however, aware of the particulars of any of his contests; this we can say, he is a likely personage to figure well in a short race, notwithstanding he had on Saturday to succumb to superior mettle. Willis also has effected a few coups in his time, and in the district from which he hails, his reputation as a ped is very extensively known; he is an estimable runner. Mr. William Oldham was retained to judge the race. Betting was lively for a pretty considerable time previous to the start, Jub being in great force, as much as 5 and 6 to 4 falling to entice the friends of Willis, who stuck out for a point more, which at last was forthcoming, and then the rhino speedily found circulation. It turned out to be, was to start mutually; various false starts occurred, when they broke off, Willis with a good yard the best of it. The match was a thorough good, at least to the supporters of Jub, who had dreamt over a good thing but who woefully defied in their theory. Taking a correct view of the race, Jub never had a squeak; he was, in fact, much overmatched, very much overmatched, and it was quite patent that he must improve before he can successfully claim priority, at least alongside of such superior stuff as Willis is constructed of. The race may be recorded thus: Jub gained three feet the advantage at the start, this distance he gradually doubled, tripled



THE HONOURABLE MRS. YELVERTON (LONGWORTH).

against Simmonds, of Nottingham, who stakes £6 to Smalley's £5, on March 19, and G. Lester to walk J. Miles, of Liverpool, 7 miles, for £25 a side, on April 2.

MORDIKE'S NOVICE challenges G. Lester to run one or two miles, for £10 a side, at New Vauxhall. Money in the hands of Mr. Smith, the proprietor.

GEORGE STEVENS, a well-known Birmingham ped, and George Abrahams, a gentleman amateur, are matched to run 100 yards, for £5 a side, come off at Aston Cross, on Saturday, March 17. Mr. S. Beasley, Hen and Chickens, Bartholomew-street, stakeholder and referee.

SAM BATHLES and Edward Fox are matched to run 120 yards, for £5 a side, to be run at Aston Cross, on March 13. The next deposit on this match must be paid this day (Saturday), at Mr. Worry's, Gate Tavern, Leicester-street. Mr. Hickens, Tower Arms, Lomb-street, final stakeholder and referee. A further kicking of £1 a side must be made to Mr. Jones, Fox Inn, Fox-street, on Saturday next.

GEORGE STEVENS will run De Grass, of Birmingham, 150 yards, for £10 a side, on the Monday following his match with Abrahams. Money at Mr. Jones's, Fox Inn, Fox-street.

DE GRASS offers to run Stevens once or twice round Vauxhall Grounds (235 yards), for any amount. Match to be made and deposit paid to Mr. Smith, the proprietor.

J. CONLEY and J. Worrall, both of Birmingham, are matched to run half a mile, for £5 a side, Colley having 10 yards start. To come off at New Vauxhall, on Easter Monday. The articles are signed and deposit paid to Mr. Smith, proprietor of the grounds.

G. LESTER and C. Moore, both of Birmingham, are matched to walk one mile, for £5 a side, Moore receiving 10 yards start. To come off at New Vauxhall Grounds, on Saturday, March 10. Another deposit must be paid to Mr. Smith, stakeholder, this day (Saturday).

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT.

DILLINGTON PARK RACE GROUNDS.—There was a good attendance at these grounds on Saturday afternoon last, the event being a foot

BILLIARDS.

THE GREAT HANDICAP AT THE PEACOCK, ISLINGTON.

Saturday last brought this exciting affair to a conclusion. Without going into full particulars we may state that many of the heats were closely contested, and the first prize, a cup, value ten guineas, was eventually won by Mr. Darley, who beat Mr. Jeffries by five points only. The second prize, also a cup, fell, of course, to the lot of Mr. Jeffries, who had a start of twenty points. To Mr. T. Green, for the judgment he displayed in bringing the competitors so evenly together great credit is most deservedly due. The following is the full score:—

FIRST DRAW.	FOURTH DRAW.
Mr. Godfrey beat Mr. Barnes	Mr. G. Clarke beat Mr. Gooding
Mr. G. Lee beat Mr. Ockmore	Mr. Darley beat Mr. Boord
Mr. Ferguson beat Mr. Richardson	Mr. Phillips beat Mr. McIntyre
Mr. S. Dutton beat Mr. Chaddock	FIFTH DRAW.
Mr. D. M. beat Mr. Haines	Mr. Jeffries beat Mr. G. Clarke
Mr. Dalton beat Mr. S.	Mr. Darley beat Mr. Phillips
Mr. Gooding w. o.	FINAL HEAT.
	Mr. Darley (40) beat Mr. Jeffries (20).

MESSRS. W. DUTTON AND W. C. HITCHIN.

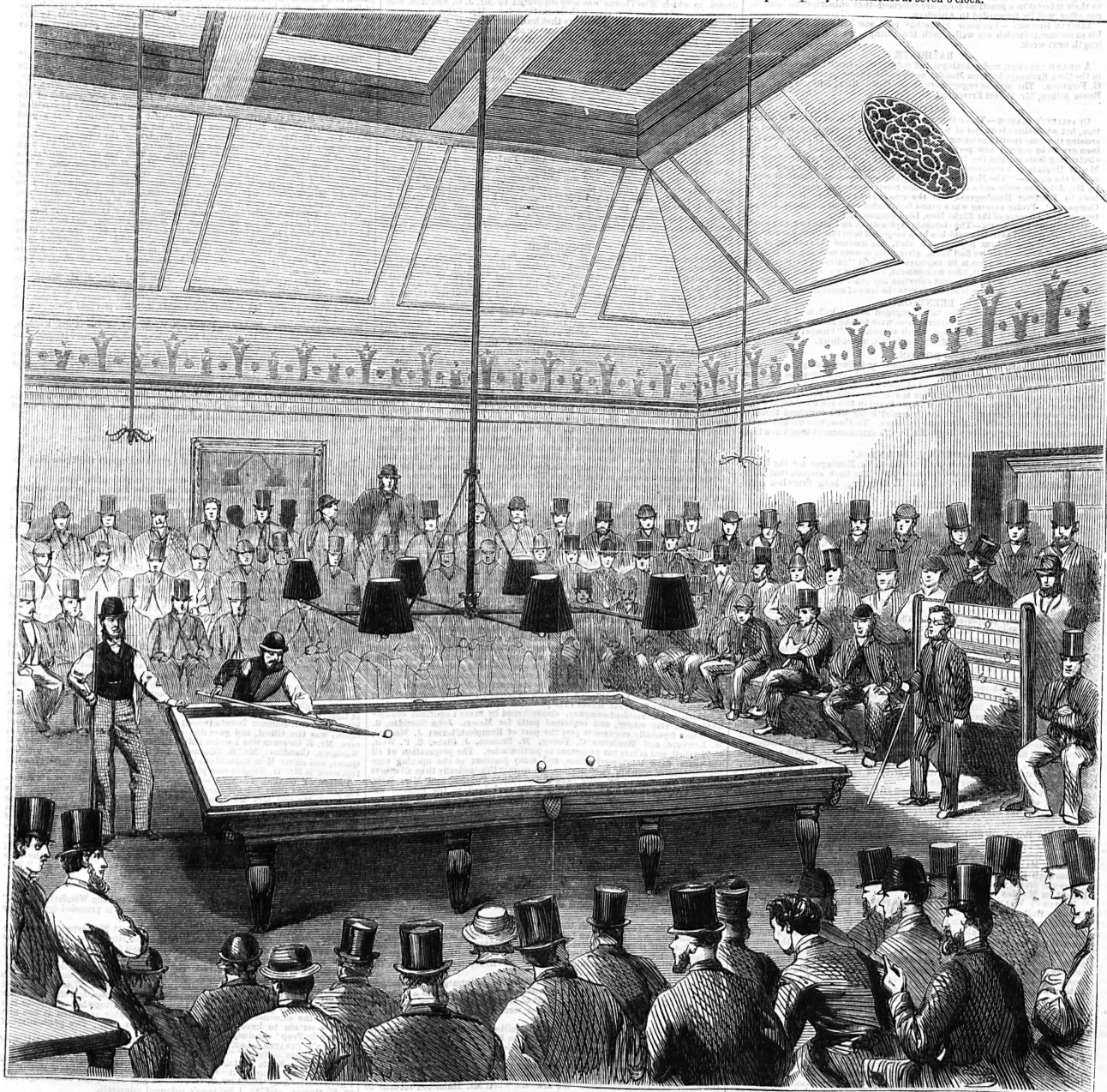
After a lot of "cautious sparring" these cracks have again been matched. On Monday evening both men with their backers were present at the "Phil," and each seemed eager to get together, the conditions only keeping them from coming to terms. Dutton offered to back himself at £300 to £200, or £500 to £400, and give his opponent the choice of table, room, and time at which to play; reserving to himself only the right to choose a set of balls of any size or weight he thought proper. Hitchin cried "agreed" provided Dutton would at once state the size and weight of balls he would use; but as this was refused, "another way," as the cookery books have it, had to be tried.

ment, remarks that Roberts, the English billiardist, would find it hard work to beat the above. By the way, we have not seen Roberts's name mentioned in connection with the Pennsylvania tournament. How is this? His popularity would not have suffered had he given the good Quaker City folk a specimen of his handiwork.

MATCH AT MANCHESTER.—On Friday evening last a match of 1,000 up, for £100 a side, was played at the Alexandra Rooms, Market-place, between Julius Johnson, of Manchester, and a Mr. Wilson, of Glasgow, the latter receiving 400 points. The game, after a five hours' contest, was won by Wilson, his opponent scoring 930 only. Johnson's highest break was 50, and Wilson made a 31.

W. M. GUNN, of the Washington Hotel, and J. Hirst, of the Queen's Hotel, Liverpool, are matched to play 1,000 up for £50, on the 6th March, at the Washington Hotel, Lime-street, Liverpool. Play to commence at 7.30 p.m.

MESSRS. JOS. BENNETT, of Leeds, and Harry Evans, of London, are matched to play 1,000 up, for £100 a side, at the Philharmonic Rooms, Islington, on Tuesday, the 6th March, Bennett giving 100 points. Play to commence at seven o'clock.



THE PHILHARMONIC, ISLINGTON.

Next Dutton offered to back himself at £300 to £400, or £500 to £200, and toss for choice of table, place, and balls, but Hitchin objected to play on a Cox and Yeman board. Hitchin, on his part, was desirous to take the odds offered, and play either on a Burrough's and Watts or Thurston table, giving Dutton the choice of balls, the size to be stated then and there. This in turn proved no go. Eventually, at Dutton's suggestion, the matter was settled in a few moments, and articles signed, and £50 a side posted in the hands of Mr. George Davis, for a match on the following conditions, namely, Dutton to lay £300 to £200 to play on Friday night, the 9th March, at the Philharmonic Rooms, on a Burrough's and Watts table, and balls measuring 2 1/16 inch to be used, but Dutton to be allowed to name the weight of the balls, which he must do two days before the day of playing; the winner to take the ticket money. Either party failing to make the final deposit to forfeit the £50 down. Dutton's party, after the match was made, were sufficiently sanguine on the result to offer £600 to £400 in one bet, but there were no takers.

MR. ROBERTS, THE CHAMPION, IN AMERICA.

Up to the present time we have received no intelligence of the doings of our champion on the other side of the Atlantic. The *New York Clipper* of Feb. 17, while commenting on a game played between Messrs. Carme and Estephe in the late Philadelphia Billiard Tourna-

BAGATELLE.—MATCH FOR £2.—On Monday evening last a match for £1 a side was played in the bagatelle room at the house of Mr. M. Thompson, the Three Legs a Man Inn, Barnsley, between W. Haigh and J. Rose, of Barnsley, 301 up. Speculation was very rife on the result, Haigh being the favourite. When Haigh had reached 246 his opponent was 173. Haigh finally won the game by 82 points, the game closing at Haigh 311, and Rose 229. Mr. Tasker Naylor officiated as marker and stakeholder. There was a good number of people present during the match.

MODERN CONDUCTING.—Days where when good music was played without the assistance of the baton, but now even national schools cannot get on without it. We must not be understood to object to the use of this most useful implement; it is only its abuse which we would call in question. It seems to us that some conductors apparently feel that much is required of them, of the "divine aditus" they stand upon one foot, in order that the other distorted. The heavily-wielded baton flies about in the wildest manner, and best, fatigue, and exasperation. Of course this is sketched from the observation of frantic gestures relieved only by the comical clapping of the conductor's coat-tail. —*Musical Standard.*

Mr. Phillips beat Mr. Gilling
Mr. Barker w. o.
Mr. Darley w. o.
Mr. Bristol w. o.
Mr. H. Newcome w. o.
Mr. Dorrell w. o.
Mr. Bennett w. o.
Mr. Harland w. o.
Mr. Bruce w. o.

SECOND DRAW.

Mr. G. Lee beat Mr. Hackett
Mr. Wales beat Mr. Harland
Mr. Bristol beat Mr. Peck
Mr. Jeffries beat Mr. Gardener
Mr. Black beat Mr. Mitchell
Mr. Barker beat Mr. Bennett
Mr. Barker beat Mr. Wilson
Mr. N. Davis beat Mr. Godfrey

THIRD DRAW.

Mr. G. Clarke beat Mr. Bristol
Mr. McIntyre beat Mr. Barker
Mr. Gooding beat Mr. Peters
Mr. Phillips beat Mr. Wales

Mr. N. Davis beat Mr. Wilder
Mr. Mitchell beat Mr. Green
Mr. Jeffries beat Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Pettis beat Mr. Lucas
Mr. Wilson beat Mr. H. Clarke
Mr. Black beat Mr. Williams
Mr. Hackett beat Mr. Parsons
Mr. Peck beat Mr. Summers
Mr. Slowburn beat Mr. Isles

Mr. G. Lee beat Mr. Pettis
Mr. Peters beat Mr. D. M.
Mr. McIntyre beat Mr. H. Newcome
Mr. Gooding beat Mr. F. Newcome
Mr. G. Clarke beat Mr. S. Dutton
Mr. Dorrell beat Mr. Ferguson
Mr. Phillips beat Mr. Dalton
Mr. Slowburn w. o.

COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET TO MR. F. STRANGE OF THE ALHAMBRA, LEICESTER SQUARE.

Last week the friends of Mr. Strange met together at St. James's Hall, and presented him with a magnificent testimonial, consisting of a very beautiful case, ornamented in silver, of the value of three hundred guineas. The plate forms a massive fountain and plateau. The fountain machinery is an ingenious invention by which a fine jet of scented water is thrown some six feet high for three to four hours after being wound up.

The figure of Mercury, after the antique, supports the jet, the water from which falls into a glass basin ornamented with a rich wreath of coral in frosted silver. The column and bases are respectively ornamented with dolphins and figures of mermaids supporting small glasses on sprays of coral, a rich embossing of sea shells, &c., completing the whole. Three plain shields carry Mr. Strange's crest and the following inscription:—

"This Plateau and Fountain, of the value of 300 guineas, was presented to Mr. Frederick Strange, February 23rd, 1866, by a number of gentlemen, many of them long associated with him in large and varied undertakings, to mark their sense of the spirit and enterprise he has shown in raising the 'Alhambra' to the eminent position it now occupies as a Metropolitan Theatre of Varieties. Though the labour and responsibility connected with a vast establishment of this kind, giving employment to more than 300 persons, have not been without their substantial reward, the subscribers gladly united to bear testimony to those high business and personal qualities which produced this beneficial result, and which are justly honoured wherever the English language is spoken."

The Plateau has a pierced silver border, the subject being a very handsome Frieze.

This beautiful piece of plate was manufactured by Mr. Stephen Smith (late Smith and Nicholson), of Duke-street, Lincoln's Inn-fields, for Mr. Field the well-known silversmith of Chesham. We may mention that the manufacturer has been already made famous, in the year 1845, by producing the fountain presented to the late Ibrahim Pasha by the Hon. East India Company, and which weighed 11,000 ounces, costing £8,000.

At the profuse banquet we noticed about 150 gentlemen, many of them associated with literature and art. The chair was taken by W. Digby Seymour, Esq., Q.C., who, when the cloth was drawn, gave the usual local and routine toasts, after which he proposed the health of the honoured guest, as follows:—He said he adapted the familiar phrase on such occasions, and called it the toast which was, ought to be, and would be, the toast of the evening. (Cheers.) They had just heard the charming eloquence and ready wit of Mr. Frederick Doulton. He (the Chairman) was going to introduce before them another Frederick in the person of Mr. Frederick Strange. In the remarks with which Mr. Doulton closed his speech he made allusions to the past career of Mr. Strange, and he applied to him most happily the old maxim that men were neither born great nor had greatness thrust upon them; but by the innate force of their own character achieved the greatness of the position they occupied. In this latter half of the nineteenth century what was the value of birth or greatness? It was but an empty phantom—at best, a something which might be beautiful to look upon—but which, unless supported by moral worth and individual energy and excellence, was as evanescent as the dazzling phantasm of that transformation scene which Mr. Doulton had confessed he was unable to witness on account of his being called away before it took place. There were two qualities which a man required in modern England to achieve greatness. One was sincerity of purpose in attaining himself to the task to which he proposed to devote his energies; the other was a thorough and unhesitating faith; and as sure as the sun would rise to-morrow according to the general laws which govern the limitless expanse of Nature, the man of ability and honest purpose, who had faith in the power of his ability and in the collection of his purpose, would work out one day that upon which he had set his heart. (Great applause.) Genius was various in its forms, and almost profuse in the different stages in which it develops itself. The genius of the warrior showed itself in the mashing of his army in a way to obtain the victory; the genius of the mechanician in applying his discoveries to the general wants of man. Such was the genius of Stephenson, the Duke of Wellington, and also of Alexis Soynov who became a useful enterer for the wants of the public, and a contributor to the practical benevolence and utility of his age. The genius of the statesman was observable in Mr. Strange, which enabled him to triumph over enormous difficulties, and to rise as a successful man upon the hill which was crowned by the sunlit summit of the Crystal Palace, the godly structure of the London, and the architecturally beautiful building of the Alhambra. It required a certain amount of ability and energy, faith and a determination that nothing could interfere with, nothing could overcome. Take him when he catered at the Crystal Palace; he improved the funds there, and made a dividend. What was the history of the Alhambra building? It had been a Pandemonium, which had everything to show to colonists, and was to teach them how to obtain a living when they left our shores. It had galvanic batteries and all sorts of demonstrations in natural philosophy. Members of Parliament and Right Reverend Bishops were its patrons; but still the infant perished from the very weight of the clothes which were piled about it. Bishops, and Peers, and patrons vanished, and the funds vanished with them, and the Pandemonium perished. What was its subsequent history? The ornamental architecture of the Pandemonium seemed to him to have secretly entertained within them a design that at some future hour the Alhambra should be converted into a Theatre of Varieties. Mr. E. T. Smith, with his ability and genius, was some time there, but he went to the attractive allurements of Cremorne and Dury Lane, and the Alhambra went down, down, down, till it got to the Auction Mart and was knocked down by the hammer. Mr. Strange then raised it to its present position of the most luxurious place of entertainment his metropolis afforded. How had it been managed by Mr. Strange?

He (the Chairman) had had an opportunity of seeing it, and he came to the conclusion that there was nothing in the exhibitions there to offend the eye, shock the ear, or disgust the moralist. There was the best selected music, and the loveliest women exhibited their fair forms there. These forms were so exquisite in manner and in fashion, so admirably pure, that he confessed, viewing their ethereal evolutions, he almost considered himself an Arian infidel. What was the moral he drew from it? Why it was strange that he who gave so many dinners to others should not have a dinner given to him, and it was the duty of every man, whatever his station or occupation, to come and swell the tide of respect that should be paid to a public servant who, in the path which he had chosen, had nobly, valiantly, and fearlessly done his duty. (Great applause.) He now asked to be the means of conveying the testimony of respect which had been subscribed for to Mr. Strange. After making some other observations on the Testimonial, and on Mr. Strange, the Chairman concluded by quoting the lines of the American poet:—

Tolling, rejoicing, sorrowing,
Onward through life he goes,
Each morning sees some vantage begin,
Each evening sees its close;
Something attempted, something done,
That needs a night's repose.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, after which the acknowledgment of the compliment was given as follows by

Mr. Strange.—Mr. Chairman, I tender you my best thanks for the kind manner in which you have proposed my health. Ladies and gentlemen, also I thank you most sincerely for the very kind and enthusiastic manner in which you have responded to the toast. You must all understand that I am not an orator. Therefore, I am afraid—



MR. DUFFON, the celebrated Billiard Player, and winner of the great match at the Philharmonic, Islington, as reported last week.

in fact I feel sure—I shall not be able to find words to express the feelings that are fluttering within this breast. (Cheers.) Our Chairman has been kind enough to speak of me in the most glowing and flattering terms with respect to my business career. He has mentioned to you many places and gigantic agglomerations I have been connected with—the Crystal Palace, among others, and many such great places. I assure you I do not know how to be thankful enough for the blessing that it has so turned out that all these speculations have generally been successful (hear, hear). I may say, with the assistance of many friends I see here now. Everything I have attempted has been a success (bravo), more especially the Alhambra, which certainly has exceeded all my expectations. I look around with much pleasure at this moment and see many of my oldest acquaintances that were associated with me in my earliest business career. It gives me great pleasure to see them here. (Applause.) I also look round this room with great pleasure and see some of my old employers of twenty years ago. I, gentlemen, have been, fortunately, the architect of my own position. I am not ashamed to own it, that I have been a servant; indeed, I am proud to see here some gentlemen that I served twenty years ago, and nothing gives me greater pleasure than to see them here. (Bravo.) Now, ladies and gentlemen, turning to the particular cause of our being here to-day, which is no other than this magnificent piece of plate that we now see before us, I may ask—What have I done to deserve such a compliment at your hands? I do not know what I have done to deserve this great compliment? Is it duty? (Hear, hear.) It may be so. I came into this Hall to-night prepared to receive something, but I did not expect to receive at your hands such a magnificent testimony as I now see standing before me. As I told you before, I am not an orator. I cannot speak. Therefore, you will excuse me for saying no more

than simply that I am very much obliged to you; and I return you my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the compliment you have paid me to-day. (Great cheering.)

SHOOTING.

ASHBURNHAM PARK.

These grounds were on Monday last visited by a very large company, and a rare afternoon's sport resulted, during which much speculation took place, and a round sum changed hands. The arrangements of Mr. Page (who has the management of the ground) were admirable. The birds supplied by Hammond were of the very best, and the strictest order was kept, and all passed off most auspiciously indeed. These grounds bid fair to be second to none. The great attraction of the day was a match, for £25 a side, between Mr. Harding, of Walsall, and Mr. Taylor, of Suffolk, fifty birds each, 10z. of shot, use of one barrel only, 21 yards rise, H and T traps, and the butt of the gun to be held on the thigh until the bird took wing, the ground the boundary. Mr. Charles was referee, and Messrs. Fowler and W. Smith, umpires. The betting at the commencement was 6 to 4 on Mr. Harding, but soon veered round to 2 to 1 on Mr. Taylor, who shot magnificently, and won the match at the forty-sixth round, having at that point scored thirty against his opponent's twenty-four. Mr. Taylor also landed several bets of £10 to £5 against his killing thirty out of the fifty. Mr. Johnstone and Mr. Berkeley shot a match—at five birds—each, 25 yards rise, five traps, for a "fiver" and the birds. They tied, killing four each, and in shooting off Mr. Johnstone won.

The latter gentleman and Mr. W. Page also shot several matches Mr. Johnstone winning the majority. This was followed by a contest for a gun, the property of a frequenter of "Old Hornsey Wood," and was completed for by sixteen members at one sov. each, five birds each, 20 yds rise, five traps, use of both barrels. Mr. Page and Mr. Johnstone tied, killing all, and shot off bird for bird; but before doing so, in a most hearty and sportsmanlike spirit, agreed that the winner should present the gun back to the owner, thus making it a benefit indeed. Mr. Johnstone won at the second round, and thus had the pleasure of handing it back to the recipient of the benefit. A silver cup was then shot for by eleven members, one sov. each, five birds each, when Mr. Johnstone (who had been shooting with great precision throughout the day) again tied with Messrs. Gardner and W. Smith, and, after shooting at three more each, and tying again, they agreed to divide. Below will be found the full score:—

Mr. Taylor	1100101111	11
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.....	1001101111	11
.....	0101111110	11
.....	total, 50	
Mr. Harding	0101010111	11
.....	0010000011	11
.....	1100101111	11
.....	1001101101	11
.....	0111001010	11
.....	total, 50	

FOR THE CUP.

Mr. Johnstone	11111-0-1	11
Mr. Page	11111-0-0	11
Mr. Preston	011	11
Mr. Gardner	10	11
Mr. Taylor	110	11
Mr. Cooper	11110	11
Mr. Jones	00	11
Mr. Davis	010	11
Mr. Berkeley	00	11
Mr. Hasdell	111	11
Mr. Norris	01	11
Mr. Harding	01	11
Mr. W. Smith	10	11
Mr. Wilson	10	11
Mr. Moore	01	11
Mr. Brown	01	11

CUP.

Mr. Johnstone	11111-110	110
Mr. Page	11110	110
Mr. Gardner	11111-101	101
Mr. Taylor	1110	110
Mr. Cooper	110	110
Mr. Berkeley	10	110
Mr. Hasdell	110	110
Mr. W. Smith	11111-110	110
Mr. Wilson	10	110
Mr. Moore	000	110
Mr. H. Webb	00	110

MATCH.

Mr. Johnstone	11011-0	110
Mr. Berkeley	1110-11	110

MATCH.

Mr. Johnstone	001-011-111-	111-
Mr. Page	001-011-110-	110-

THIS LITTLE ARMS, FULHAM.—On Saturday last, Mr. Lamb's grounds were visited by a numerous company of sportsmen, to witness the different events set for decision, and much interest was evinced in the results. Mr. Archer shot matches with Messrs. Webb, Page, and Mack, and was successful in most of them. The shooting of Mr. H. Webb elicited our ardent shouts and laughter, his performance, as the annexed score will show, being most brilliant. Four sparrow sweepstakes were also decided by seven most hotly each, seven birds each, H and T traps, 21 yards rise, the use of one barrel. Mr. Archer winning the first, Mr. Page the second, Mr. Wilson the third, and Mr. Gardner the fourth. A deal of bye-shooting took place at long distances, until darkness put an end to the performance. Score:—

Mr. Rob	01101010011-7	110
Mr. Archer	11001-1101	1101
Mr. Webb	000	110
Mr. Mack	11-110	110
Mr. Webb	00-010	110
Mr. Archer	101	110
Mr. Elvish	11111-110	110
Mr. Page	001-011-111-	111-
Mr. Wilson	001-011-110-	110-
Mr. Moore	001-011-110-	110-
Mr. H. Webb	00	110

MR. ELVISH, THE LITTLE WONDER, STEWART'S-LANE, BATTERSEA.—On Saturday last there was a good muster at the above ground, and a good deal of shooting took place. Four sweepstakes at sparrows came off, the winners being Messrs. Saddle, Cooper, Bantam, Osborne, Jones, and Feltham. Subjoined is the score:—

Saddle	1111	111	00
Cooper	1110	1110-1	010
Bantam	1010	1010	100
Osborne	0100	0111-1	000
Rob	000	100	100
Feltham	1100	100	111
Osborne	1110	010	111

fight. Both sparred for an opening. At last Jones seeing a chance

fight. Both sprang for an opening. At last Jones seeing a chance dashed out the left, and caught Bissell's stunning blow on the chest, and also planted the right on the nose, and got out of distance again. From this to the 34th round Jones took a commanding lead. In the third round he landed his first knock-out blow, a smashing one, which sent him to the floor. He came up, however, and thumped on the bread basket, which rebounded all over the ring. In the 10th round he lost the use of his right hand; still he fought one hour bravely to the 34th round, when he became weak and appeared to have the shivers. The referee now began to take the lead, and finally at the 32nd and last round Jones came down like a tree, and could hardly stand, Bissell getting the first knock-down in the 40th round.

It is useless to go into further particulars. Jones tried all he could, but from his hands being gone, he could not regain the lead or recover from his weakness. Bissell was much the stronger, so at the end of the 52nd round, when 1 hour and 35 minutes had elapsed, the brave Jones fell, defeated but not disgraced. Both were severely punished, and two gamblers never entered the roped arena.

(From the *Alta Californian*, Jan. 10.)

For some weeks past the "fancy" have been greatly excited over a grand boxing match between Tom Chandler and Pete Maguire, for 1,000 dollars. The excitement has been so great that the "fancy" have been flocking to the city from all over the country, and on Wednesday morning with a small but very select party of principals and spectators, some 150 in all, bound for the field of blood, mud, and glory, near Lakeview, in Sonoma County. The boat, with its precious human cargo, arrived in the city at about 10 o'clock, and the party was immediately pitched on the beach, where a mile and a half down the river, on the eastern bank, the party started at once. A part of the road lay through a morass almost impassable at low tide, and was a real test of quivering nerve and wading power. The remainder of the road was a fine, smooth, level, and was converted into a first-class imitation of a Texas "hog-wallow." Through the mud and water the party plodded for an hour or more before they arrived, some leaving the water and to the very best of their power, waded from head to foot with the liquid earth, and wet to the very skin.

On their arrival at the ring, a stream of water, about large enough to run a saw-mill, was found gently meandering through it; but the heroes, notwithstanding, stripped for the battle, and went in with a will, every blow sending the water spouting off the back of the party, high as force enough to knock down and drown a moderately-sized boy. The heroes were up and down alternately for an hour or two, neither being able to pursue the other, and finish the fight, on account of the mud, and the mortal certainty that if he fell he would be crushed by the mud.

on his face he would be drowned before his friends could get to him. In favor of Chandler, by considerable odds, the fight appeared to be decidedly in Chandler's favor at the commencement. The case of Maguire gave out, and he was taken to the hospital. Chandler, however, was not without a heavy accumulation of rain-water and extravasated blood, and his eyes caught a large number of testimonies of affectionate regard from Chandler's friends. Inward contemplation, with exactly what result we have not yet learned. Chandler's middle finger knuckle joint also got split or crushed. It was so bad that he had to be taken to the hospital. He was taken up to the roof for exhibition in a restaurant window, while one of his eyes assumed the colors of a spring rainbow or a dying dolphin, and the licks which he had in the immediate region of the epistomium caused him to occasionally spit

After following through sixty-nine rounds, the bruners were compelled to do so on account of the darkness—the question of “the best man” being grand cash (2,000 dollars) being undecided. The contest was held at the lake, so far as heard from, and the scene which took place before morning was of such character that it is faintly believed that citizens of Lima would not have been able to see the same party come again either, and say as long as possible.

One man fell overboard during the night, but was fished out, hurt and dried, and returned last night as good as new once more. The party was to renew the fight again yesterday morning, but on examination it was found that the same party could not be had, as the preparations were not completed when the boat left and returned to the city. The fight, doubtless, was terminated yesterday, but the result will not be known until the morning of the 10th, when the boat will arrive this morning.

It is believed that the community will not feel satisfied until it is certain that no other party was killed.

Jack Connors and Mike McDermott. These representatives of the college metropolis gave their conclusions on Tuesday next, March 6, for a tinner, at 150 lb. weight; Bill Lang, of the Navigation Inn, Grand Anson's-street, being the holder. The griffin can be known there on Monday evening, as well as the other two, at the same place. It is a pity that the griffin is not a tinner, as he would hold his (her), and all the other sporting drams. Both lads are equal weight and confident, and a slashing fight is expected.

The usual weekly decided, besides those for the fights for next week, were given on Tuesday evening, including the following: John Dillon and Trav. Blackett and Heffernan, Bent and Collins, Holden and Lawless, Brock and Gilliam, etc. The other matches call for no further mention, and will be given, generally, in the crowd, of the next columns.

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ARTIUR CHIDERS and CHARLEY DIXON (BOTH OF SAIFORD).—A small contest was staged for a match between these bruisers, to test their prowess. At 225 a side, at 8st 10lb, and a meeting was held at Bill Brown's, Railway Greengate, Saiford, last Monday night, to draw up accolades. There was a large muster, but after an immense amount of "tail talking," in which the expressions were supplemented with adjectives more impressive than the whole affair ended in smoke, each man drawing his own money.

HUNTING.

THE DUKE OF RUTLAND'S.—The meet of the Vale of Bolvoir Hunt was Friday at Weaver's Lodge, and though the weather was pitiless, the rain fell heavily and the wind blowing a gale, some two or three thousand persons assembled, and at about twelve o'clock the Prince of Wales, with the Duke of Rutland, arrived in the morning.

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ACCIDENT TO MR. L. COVENTRY. We regret to learn that Mr. L. Coventry, the well-known gentleman rider, met with a severe accident while riding his horse, Lefebvre, by which he put his shoulder out. He is now in the hospital, and will be some time before he will be able to get on his feet again on Alcidred.

PRESENTATION AND DINNER TO MR. DENNIS. On Tuesday last, the 10th inst., the respected master of the Tuam football team, Mr. J. J. O'Connell, presented a large number of the members of the Tuam and Galway teams, in presence of the portrait, Lord Glenmore passed some well-deserved remarks on the players, and painting in token of their appreciation in which he was aided as a sportsman. About 100 gentlemen were present, and the evening was spent in a most agreeable manner. The dinner to dinner at Daly's Hotel, under the presidency of Mr. J. J. O'Connell. Mr. Dennis is guest of honor, and the evening, being drunk with the usual house.

At the approaching exhibition of the Suffolk Agricultural Society, Edmunds, a cup value £20, open to all England will be offered for the stallion for getting hunters. The society will also offer a cup of £20 for the roadster stallion, under the same conditions.

In consequence of the cattle plague in the district, the Cumberland Hack has been stopped. In Cheshire, the Royal Rook Ferry harriers have

SHOOTING IN THE HUNTING FIELD.—On Tuesday, at the Essex adj. sessions, the case of Mr. W. Brown, the farmer at Roydon, for shooting R. C. Palmer, the barrister, brother of Lieutenant-Colonel Palmer, in a hunting-field, while passing over his land, came before the court. The jury returned three true bills, one for shooting with intent to injure, the second for wounding the horse, and the third for assault. Mr. Tindal Atty. Gen. applied to have the case transmitted to the assizes, on the ground that the first indictment the accused was liable on conviction to penal servitude for life, and that the quarter sessions court had not the power to pro-

that sentence. After some discussion the indictments were transferred to the assizes.

HIS MAJESTY'S STAG HOUNDS.—On Tuesday her Majesty's stag-hounds met at Hotspur-heath, near Slough, Bucks, and had a fine run. The stag was not captured till the hunt had passed through Rickmansworth, where considerable excitement was caused by the event. The stag ran through the western end of the town, across the Parsonage Farm, past Loudwater paper mills, and was taken down in Loudwater farm.

THE CHIMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND SOCIETY

We are at last enabled, with great pleasure, to say that as far as the late schism is concerned, reconstruction has been accomplished, and a good union pre-vails. The third weekly meeting on Wednesday took place at the Marquis Tavern, Canoubury-street, Lower-road, Islington, and this too by special desire, in consideration of Mr. Jameson the host, being a most respected member of the society. The meeting was harmonious in the extreme.

Mr. R. Margateon occupied the chair, and spoke of his happiness at seeing the large and influential meeting before him; he informed them that the committee had determined upon giving the large sum of £120 to be contended for in *bona fide* prizes, to be divided in the following manner:—

A new prize for men of 91st weight. This will be a new feature and as it will be an open race, it will create increased interest, inasmuch as it will draw many of the finest wrestlers from the North who have hitherto been precluded from joining, by not being able to enter at weight with any degree of chance. To Mr. Leggatt this good improvement is mainly attributable.

The 11st men prize will be on the usual terms, which all who take an interest in such matters are well acquainted with; as well as the "men at all weight," and "the London President prize;" pole leaping and hurdle racing, once round the arena (the latter of which is larger than some of our running grounds) will also take place; while increased interest will be given by a novel contest in a "bull race," whose details need not be given, as they are in fact well known.

Mr. R. Atkinson, the vice chairman, handed in a list of subscribers. Mr. Moorhouse, the treasurer, and respected member, sent his usual annual remittance, with best wishes for the success of the society; in the wake of whom followed Messrs. Baker, Scott, Brown and many others.

It is now definitively settled that the meeting on Good Friday will take place at the Agricultural Hall, and to Mr. Gilchrist, the secretary, thanks for his desire to afford all information.

MR. THOMAS WILSON.—The portrait of this much-lamented gentleman, on our front page, is accompanied by a short memoir; it, therefore, calls for

Mr. SORUBEN.—The pending trial of a criminal prosecution by this gentleman, fully recorded in our last, and again mentioned to-day, will give additional interest to our portrait of the celebrated Lord Dunsyre, the successful exponent of "Socialism." Good, and almost inimitable, as his performance of I

THE HONOURABLE MRS. YELVERTON (LONGWORTH).—Whatever may be opinions of the few of the "rights or the wrongs" of this unfortunate much to be pitied lady, our portrait will be acceptable alike to those whose opinion are for or against her. Her recent appearance as a reader will not be forgotten by any other chapter in her life.

BILLIARDS.—The large saloon at the "Philharmonic," with the fine polished oak table, erected by Messrs. Burroughs and Watts, upon which the last important match was played, will be acceptable to the lovers of billiards, especially to those who patronise the game at "merrie Isington," and the new and excellent portrait of the celebrated player, Mr. W. Duffin, who has just won the great match at the "Philharmonic," as reported in our last, will be as welcome to his friends and the public.

The Sports of the Season are shown in our spirited engraving of the tingham Steeplechase, "Rounding the Tarn," and J. Snowden, the y known jockey, continues our popular series of the Winning Riders of season.

MEETING HALL AND GYMNASIUM

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are always in readiness. Every consequence need be anticipated. Adjacent to the great hall is an extensive and well attended gymnasium, from the assiduity with which the trapeze is practised, one might imagine that Lecotard's occupation, like Othello's, would soon be a thing of the past. If we add that spacious billiard rooms are also being fitted up, we shall have given our readers some idea of the extent of the plans to be found at The Arcs.

These sports came off on Saturday last, on Fenner's Ground, and were attended.

100 Yards Race: Little, 1; Waltham, 2.
High Jump: Little, 1, 5 ft. 4 inches; Waltham, 2. The winner hurt
in the last jump.
Quarter Mile Race: Witt, 1; Williams, 2; Time, 63 seconds.
Throwing Cricket Ball: Ebsworth, 1, 92 Yards, 1 ft. 8 inches; Waltham, 2.
Hurdle Race: Waltham, 1; Sams, 2.
Putting weight: Waltham, 1; Barr, 2, 3 ft. 2 inches.
Long Jump: Waltham, 1; Ebsworth, 2, 17 ft. 11 inches.
Mile Race: Little, 1; Ebsworth, 2; won easily by half a lap in 4 m.
56 seconds.

Strangers' Race (600 Yards): Long (Trinity), 1; Bishop (Columbia), 2.
27 secs.
Quarter Mile: Barr, 1; Barnes 2.
Sack Race: Witt, 1; Barr. 2.

Oxford University Sports.—The races were to take place on Friday, and finish this day (Saturday), on Christ Church Cricket Ground. The following races were to be decided:—On Friday, the Flat Race, 100 Yards, Long Jump, Flat Race (Graduates), Hurdle Race, 120 Yards, 10 Flights, 20 Yards, the Hammer, Flat Race, One Mile, Throwing Cricket Ball, Flat Race, 20 Yards, 100 Yards, 200 Yards, 400 Yards, 800 Yards, 1 Mile, 2 Miles, 3 Miles, 4 Miles, 5 Miles, 6 Miles, 7 Miles, 8 Miles, 9 Miles, 10 Miles, 11 Miles, 12 Miles, 13 Miles, 14 Miles, 15 Miles, 16 Miles, 17 Miles, 18 Miles, 19 Miles, 20 Miles, 21 Miles, 22 Miles, 23 Miles, 24 Miles, 25 Miles, 26 Miles, 27 Miles, 28 Miles, 29 Miles, 30 Miles, 31 Miles, 32 Miles, 33 Miles, 34 Miles, 35 Miles, 36 Miles, 37 Miles, 38 Miles, 39 Miles, 40 Miles, 41 Miles, 42 Miles, 43 Miles, 44 Miles, 45 Miles, 46 Miles, 47 Miles, 48 Miles, 49 Miles, 50 Miles, 51 Miles, 52 Miles, 53 Miles, 54 Miles, 55 Miles, 56 Miles, 57 Miles, 58 Miles, 59 Miles, 60 Miles, 61 Miles, 62 Miles, 63 Miles, 64 Miles, 65 Miles, 66 Miles, 67 Miles, 68 Miles, 69 Miles, 70 Miles, 71 Miles, 72 Miles, 73 Miles, 74 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THE "BRIGHTON PRIVATE SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC SPORTS."—The "Brighton Private Schools" propose to hold their third Annual Meeting, at the Sussex Cricket Ground, Hove, on Saturday, April 28th, when the general arrangements will be under the management of Mr. Fred. Lillywhite, Messrs. W. C.

The executive of the Dramatic College have awarded to Mr. A. R. member of the Stock Exchange, the late Mr. T. P. Cooke's prize of the best national drama. The title of Mr. Slous' drama is "The True Core," and it is understood that it will soon be produced at one of the theatres.

ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.—The Prince and Princess of Wales with Private and Family Theatricals. Tuesday evening.

BISSELL AND JONES.—On Saturday last a plucky encounter took place on the Old Race Course on Lancaster Moor, between Young

Jack Bissell and Jack Jones. Both were about the same height, but Bissell was 8lb heavier than his opponent, weighing 191b. On stripping Bissell appeared in the best condition. Both were well seconded and a referee having been chosen they stood up for the

RABBIT COURSEING.

MANCHESTER.

ROYAL OAK PARK.—On Monday last these grounds were visited by nearly 800 admirers of the pastime, the programme being the most extensive ever previously known. As early as 11 o'clock in the forenoon did the sport commence, the first being a match to run 11 out of 21 courses, 55 yds law, for £20, the animals engaged being Bushell's 21 courses, of Crews, and Rutter's Charlotte, of Tunstall. Lill won by securing the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 17th, total 11; Charlotte caught the 4th, 8th, 9th, 12th, 13th, and 14th, total 6.

The next was an engagement between Crompton's Spring and Dootson's Rose, the best of 21 courses, 60 yds law, for £10 a side, neither to exceed 18 lbs. This was a most exciting contest, Spring only winning by one rabbit, the score being Spring, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 20th, and 21st, total, 11; Rose, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 18th and 19th, total 10.

The next pair to contend were Holmes's Agnes and Perry's Fly, both of Longton, 11 out of 21 courses, for £50. Fly received two dead rabbits, and she ultimately won the match by securing the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 17, total, 11; Agnes killed the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 16th, total, 8.

This was followed by a match to run the best of 21 courses, for £20, between Rutter's Jemmy and Smith's China, both of Tunstall. This was a most hollow affair, as China won easily by securing the 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th, total, 11; Jemmy only caught the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 9th, total, 4.

The concluding event was a match to run 11 out of 21 courses, 60 yds, for £20, between Dootson's Skip, of West Houghton, and Hutchinson's Nancy, of Huddley. Nancy had four given, which, with the 1st, 7th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 14th, and 15th, made a total, 11, and she was consequently declared the winner; Skip killed the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, 11th, 13th and 16th, total 9. Mr. Charles Eastwood, of Rochdale, officiated most efficiently as referee all day.

Three matches are arranged to be decided next Monday, viz.:

CANINE.

MANCHESTER.

CITY GROUNDS.—This enclosure was visited by nearly 500 persons on Saturday last, the attraction being a match between Booth's Sarah 230. Referee and stakeholder, Mr. James Holden, White Lion, Long 4, but Sarah was declared the winner by three yards.

COPENHAGEN GROUNDS.—The race of 200 yards for £20, between Booth's Sarah, of Pendleton, and Tydale's Fan, of Swinton, is to come off here on Monday next, at four o'clock.

Mr. George Taylor, of Oldham, gives £10 for an All England Canine Handicap, distance 200 yards, and to be decided here on March 10. Entries of 2s. 6d. each, close on Tuesday next, at Mr. John Hilton's, Rose of Lancaster, Oldham, or at the grounds.

W. A. Lawton's Catch, of Hollingwood, will run any other dog at 30lbs, for £25 a side, in six weeks. A deposit to Mr. Thomas (the proprietor) will ensure a match.

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H. Gurr (Champion) begs to inform Cooper that before he styles himself Champion he should very much like to make a match with him to swim or walk him under water, for any sum he likes, to settle the title.

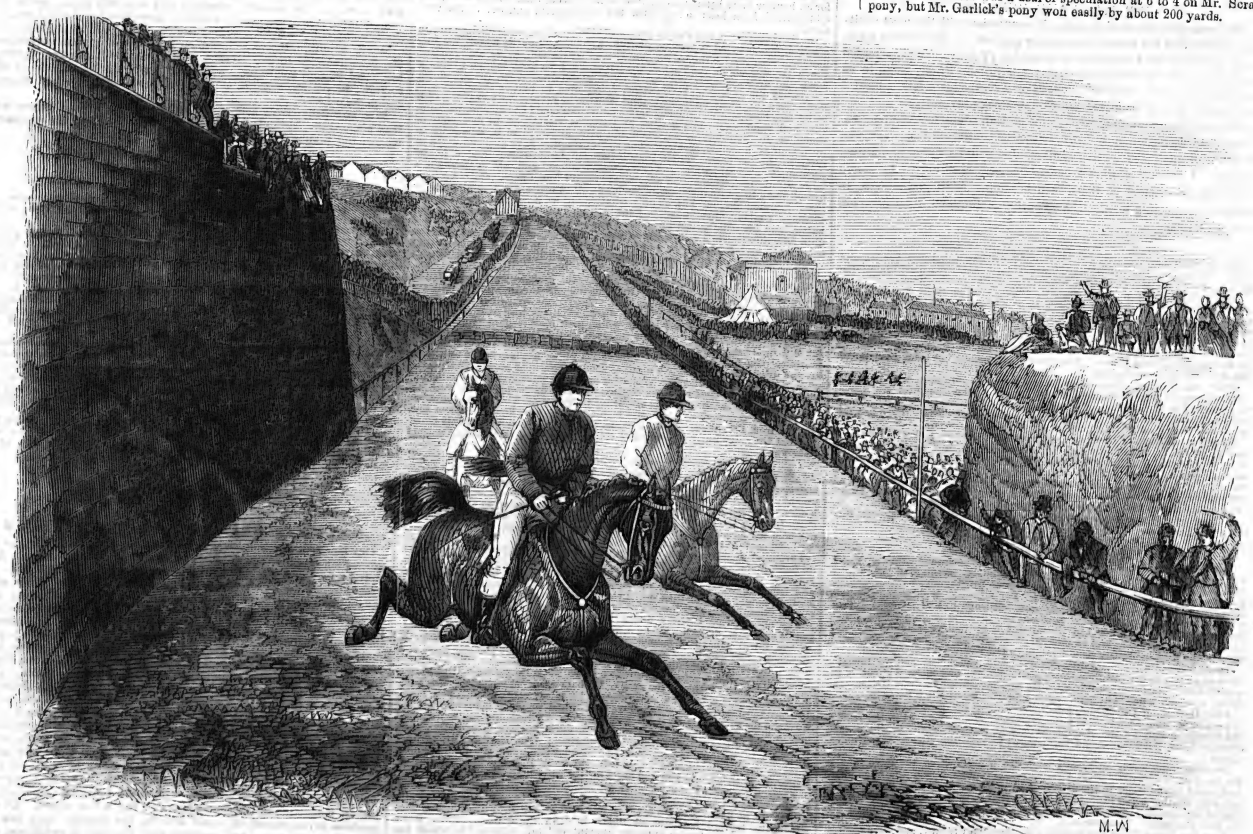
THE LATE VISCOUNT CLIFDEN.

The funeral of the late Viscount Clifden took place on Monday afternoon in Holdenby Church, Northamptonshire. A large family circle had met at Althorp Hall, the Earl Spencer's seat. The funeral procession, a walking one, was formed shortly before two o'clock, the agents and tenants of the deceased nobleman preceding the funeral. They followed the body of the late viscount, enclosed in several coffins, the outer one being of polished oak. In the upper panel were the armorial achievements of his lordship, and below the plate bearing count Clifden, Baron Mendip and Baron Dover of Dover; born Feb. 25, 1825; died Feb. 20, 1866. The widow of the late viscount, attended by Lord Charles Bruce, followed as chief mourner, accompanied by his lordship's brothers, the Hon. Leopold and Hon. James Agar-Ellia.

TROTTING.

On Tuesday a large concourse of the lovers of trotting, met at St. Alban's to witness the match between Mr. Yates's black pony Flora Temple, 11 hands 2in., and Mr. J. Smith's grey pony Kitty, 12 hands 2in., four miles in harness; owners up, for £25 a side. The race chosen was from the twenty-first to the twenty-fourth milestone, on the London-road, and soon after two o'clock, the tit came to the mark. The trotting was 6 to 4 on Kitty, with but few takers. Mr. W. Poa was cited for Mr. Smith. They effected a very even start, but after going a short distance, the grey began to break, and the coachman not being au fait in his business, she continued doing so throughout the entire distance, allowing Mr. Yates to win by something like 50 yards.

MATCH AT LIVERPOOL.—On Thursday a match for £10 came off between Mr. Garlick's brown pony and Mr. Scragg's roan pony, to trot two miles. There was a deal of speculation at 6 to 4 on Mr. Scragg's pony, but Mr. Garlick's pony won easily by about 200 yards.



THE NOTTINGHAM STEEPCHASE.—"Round the Turn."

WRESTLING.

MANCHESTER.

COPENHAGEN GROUNDS.—Upwards of 400 admirers of Lancashire wrestling mustered here on Saturday afternoon last, to witness a match between E. Taylor (alias Tutty), of Fallworth, and R. Wolfenden (better known as the Pio Lad), of Oldham, the conditions being to wrestle the best of three back falls. The wagering was 5 and 6 to 4 on the Pio Lad, but Taylor won the contest, cleverly bringing his opponent to grass twice in succession, the first throw occupying fifteen min and the second three min. Robin Clough acquiesced Taylor and J. Bentley attended to Wolfenden.

E. LOWE (WHITWORTH), AND F. ROBINSON (ASHTON).—This match, to wrestle two out of three back falls in the Lancashire style, for £30, goes on all serene. £5 each has been received by Mr. James Holden, to whom a similar amount is to be paid to-day.

R. CLOUGH (OLDHAM), AND J. HAIGH (ASHTON).—A match has been made between these athletes to wrestle the best of three back falls, on March 10, for £30, at catch-weight. £5 on each side has been handed to Mr. Thos. Hayes, and the ceremony is to be repeated next Monday.

DEATH OF SIR HENRY PEYTON.

Another of the old school has gone from among us. The inheritor of a good coaching style, which he has faithfully transmitted to his successor, Sir Henry was almost as well known on our roads as his father among those of a past day. The Ashby day—immortalised by "The Snob" in his happiest vein, and of which the description has been so lately recalled to us by Captain White and the hinge-post—numbered him among its portraits, and few fiercer or harder riders were to be found among those there chronicled. Of late, his favourite amusements were marred by a catarrh, which nearly resulted in total blindness, but he still kept on, and but for his unfortunate accident at Leamington, with the effects of which his failing strength was unable to cope, he might have been again among the park visitors of the present season. He died last week, and is succeeded by his son Algernon, at present in the 1st Life Guards.

THE FLYING FEET.—Mr. E. W. Teakle, of this city, will send to the well-known public house of Barry and Patten, San Francisco, by the next steamer, four remarkable horse-shoes, or rather three trotting-shoes and one racing-plate, which may be severely described as made the still unparalleled time of a mile in 2.19 2/3 in harness; a shoe Dexter team—Lady Palmer and Flatbush Maid, which made 2.27 in double harness; and a racing-plate of the old mare Idlewind, who ran four miles in a race over the Centerville Course, Long Island, in 7 min 20/100 sec, with other weights. These shoes may be called jewels of the turf, for they would do honour to a niche in the American Patent Office. Right well may Messrs. Barry and Patten be proud to hang such trophies up in their saloons.—*Wike's Spirit.*

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THE MYSTERIOUS MURDER IN SHROPSHIRE.—This mysterious affair, which has threatened to be second only to the Road murder, is likely to enter another phase very shortly. The result of the magisterial investigation was the discharge of the prisoner Moredith, uncle to the unfortunate young man Edwards, who was charged with the commission of the foul crime. The innocence of Moredith, however, has never been fully believed in by the majority of the people of the neighbourhood, and it has been a matter of regret that the police were not assisted by legal advice. Since the formation of the magisterial proceedings the police have been actively engaged in making inquiries, and certain facts have come to light which make them sanguine that the murderer will shortly be in their hands. Some additional evidence will not be made public until the adjourned inquest, next month. That these facts will be in direct opposition to a great deal that has been said by some of the witnesses there is said to be no doubt. It is brought to light by their exertions to strengthen the chain of evidence they are preparing.

FOOTBALL.

RICHMOND v. KING'S COLLEGE.

This match was played at Richmond on Saturday last, and resulted in another addition to the already brilliant string of victories obtained by the Richmond Club during the now nearly past football season, none of which, however, were of such a decisive nature as this last, which recorded six goals to none in their favour. Mr. N. Rutter, shortly after half-past three, on behalf of Richmond, set the ball rolling against the wind, a disadvantage Richmond seemed decidedly to object to—as Mr. Murray, ably seconded by Mr. Moore, quickly obtained a touch down, and from the place-kick which ensued, Mr. Doyle, with his usual coolness, scored the first goal to Richmond. A similar performance between Messrs. Davies and Doyle produced an equally successful result. The third goal was obtained by Mr. Holmes touching the ball down, followed by a splendid kick by Mr. N. Rutter. Mr. Davies then succeeded in "running in," but "the place" was unsuccessful. Mr. Doyle, however, who would not be denied, by a most splendid drop-kick obtained the fourth goal to Richmond, and the same gentleman shortly after, from a good run in by Mr. Tennant and from an equally good drop, placed a fifth and sixth goal to the account of his club—five out of the six being obtained by himself.

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